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Camp Fuji Marine team on a vigorous training regimen as they prepare for Mount Fuji race **Page**

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Lance Cpl. Mathias King leads the way as he and members of the Camp Fuji Adventure Race Team train Monday. The team is preparing to run in the 2009 Fuji Mountain Race in July.

To avoid punishment, gay troops often claim assault

Legal experts: 'Don't ask' threat is an incentive to lie

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — Some gay servicemembers are filing false sexual assault complaints against their sex partners to avoid being discharged under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, according to legal experts.

The experts — including some of the nation's top law professors and a former judge advocate general of the Navy — make the claim in letters and affidavits presented at an Article 32 hearing Thursday for a 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment soldier, Spc. Raymond A. Verrill.

Verrill, 36, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole after being accused of abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy and making a false official statement.

A private from Verrill's unit claims that he passed out in Verrill's Vilseck barracks room following a Jan. 8 drinking

session and awoke to find the specialist performing oral sex on him. However, Verrill told a Criminal Investigation Command special agent that the act was consensual.

Stars and Stripes does not identify victims in alleged sex crimes. Verrill is married and has children. He was in Vilseck on an unaccompanied tour.

Vilseck on an unaccompanied tour. The legal experts' opinions, presented at the hearing by Verrill's defense lawyers, do not address the specific facts of Verrill's case but they examine the issue of false sexual assault claims by gay military personnel.

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Brigid Wilson, a California lawyer who represents gay and bisexual servicemembers, said in her affidavit presented to the hearing's investigative officer that she was aware of many cases in which parties clearly consented to sex but where a claim of assault arose from one party's fear of the potential consequences if their homosexuality was discovered.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All righty, Drew, let's go and be productive."

— Chief mechanic John Grunsfeld, talking to his partner, Andrew Feustel, right before the last of the spacewalks to repair the Hubble telescope on Monday

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Correction

A May 13 story should have said that in 2007, Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal was the highest-ranking officer chastised by the Defense Department Inspector General in an investigation into Pat Tillman's death.

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Assault: 'Don't ask' may drive claims

Experts quoted at hearing suggest troops file false accusations

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Discovery of the conduct virtually guarantees that the servicemembers involved will be separated, she said in her affidavit.

"The current regulations on homosexual conduct, because they mandate the separation of these persons who engage in homosexual conduct with very limited exceptions, provide a powerful motive to claim a particular sexual incident was not consensual," she said. "If the acts are not consensual, that individual will not face separation and the loss of a career."

John Hutson, the dean of Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire — and a former judge advocate general of the Navy — also wrote the investigating officer, advising him to consider how the "don't ask don't tell" policy has influenced the way some service-members interact with one another.

"It would be important to consider the stigma that comes when a servicemember fears that his or her peers or commander will discover sexual activity in violation of the 'don't ask don't tell' policy," he wrote.

As a result of the policy, sol-

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Nathaniel Frank

Senior research fellow at the Palm Center at the University of California in Santa Barbara

diers must resort to clandestine activities including nonverbal gestures and verbal acts in order to demonstrate their sexual orientation, reads a letter from Eugene Kanin, former director of the law and society program at Purdue University in Indiana, an expert on false allegations of sexual assault. Kanin's letter stated: "These soldiers will have a tremendous incentive to falsely claim that he or she had been duped ... or forced into the homosexual behavior. This could easily include a claim that fellatio had been performed during the alleged victim's slumber."

In the Verrill case, CID special agent Shawn Burke told the Article 32 hearing about interviews he'd conducted with the accused. In one interview, Verrill claimed he thought the private wanted to have sex with him after the two talked about gay and bisexual lifestyles, Burke said.

According to Burke, Verrill said he woke up and found the private in his bed and took it as a sign that the private was consenting to fellatio.

However, the 20-year-old private, who has written a letter stating that he forgives Verrill and does not want to see him prosecuted, told the court that what happened was not consensual.

Verrill's lawyer, Capt. Evan Seamone, asked the private if he was aware that soldiers who engaged in homosexual conduct get kicked out of the Army.

"Don't ask, don't tell" is big in the media right now. There's some talk that the president

have that come out the first time he was meeting people. It might give the impression that he could be taken advantage of, that he was weak," he said.

Asked about the attitude toward gays in his unit, Lord replied that most soldiers don't have a problem with homosexuals in garrison.

"I have gay friends. For a lot of us it doesn't really matter," Lord testified. "Most guys really don't care [if someone is gay] unless we are downrange. Then it becomes an issue."

"It's an infantry platoon. Downrange we live very harshly. A lot of guys would be uncomfortable with that (gay soldiers). When you are taking your clothes off, you are going to wonder — 'Is he looking at me?'"

Nathaniel Frank, a senior research fellow at the Palm Center at the University of California in Santa Barbara and author of "Unfriendly Fire: How the Gay Ban Undermines the Military and Weakens America," also wrote to the investigating officer.

"My research has shown that the existence of the homosexual conduct policy ... creates a climate in which members of the military must behave furtively, dishonestly and deceptively with one another in order to avoid the possibility of discharge or even criminal charges," he wrote.

The policy creates a perverse incentive structure which encourages those who are involved in the same-sex liaison to claim that the behavior occurred against their will, he wrote.

Investigating officer Maj. John Engel will determine whether the charges against Verrill will be referred to a court-martial.

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Frank

As evaluators watch, Sgt. Angulo Loni-leidre, second from right, tends to a "patient" under mock battlefield conditions as part of her effort to qualify for an Expert Field Medical Badge on Sunday near the North Korea border.

BY JON RABIROFF
Stars and Stripes



GIs vie for 'legitimacy' in medical badge challenge

BY JON RABIROFF
Stars and Stripes

WARRIOR BASE, South Korea — Staff Sgt. Amanda Miller sounded a lot like an Olympic athlete who had just made it through the preliminaries of her sport, after she successfully completed the most difficult challenge in her bid for an Expert Field Medical Badge.

"I made some silly mistakes, but I came through as a 'go,'" she said Sunday. "I just got a little too excited and I got ahead of myself when I was clearing a malfunction on my weapon."

"Another silly thing I did—I was treating a patient with an abdominal wound and you're supposed to tie two non-slip slipknots on the side," Miller continued. "I don't know why I did it, but I made one a non-slipknot, and I made one a not-so-much-secure knot."

Nevertheless, Miller — of the 121st Combat Support Hospital at Yongsan Garrison — had done enough right on the "technical combat casualty care lane" to move on to the next phase of the grueling five-day elimination process. This is Miller's second bid for the badge.

Beginning Saturday, 121 candidates from various medical disciplines gathered just a couple of miles from the North Korea border to vie for the coveted badge, something akin to a gold medal for people like Miller.

"It is a little piece of metal that you wear on your uniform, but what it represents you can't even put into words," she said. "For me, it means legitimacy; it means being the best at your job. I'm not a combat medic. I'm a combat laboratory technician, so it is legitimacy in my [military occupation specialty]."

"For me, it is legitimacy as a female soldier and legitimacy to a lot of the other [people] who think the medical field is soft. This is not soft. This is hard."

Indeed, only 14 participants succeeded of the approximately 120 in the first group to try for the badge earlier this month at the Joint Security Area Mockup. "The average for a badge-holder [to succeed] is three times," according to 2nd Lt. Derrick Duff, one of the organizers of this year's challenge for the badge. "There were people in our last group that have gone for it five times and still didn't make it through."

Duff said there are only a half-dozen places around the world where Army personnel can compete for the badge, which was first made available in 1965.

Candidates must pass a written exam, a couple of land-navigation challenges and a variety of mock battlefield medical and physical tests. Those who survive then must complete a 12-mile ruck march within three hours.

The technical combat casualty component of the challenge is the most difficult, Duff said, because candidates must carry out more than 250 small to significant tasks while enduring battlefield conditions that include sniper fire, smoke, rocket blasts and the incessant cries for help from the "victims" they are treating.

Spc. Johnathan Henriquez, an operating room specialist for the Pacific Regional Medical Command in Hawaii, said he was able to shut out the shouting and pleas from his battlefield patients because this was his third attempt at a badge.

He dutifully tended to each patient, as the others peppered him with loud demands that included: "I've been laying here forever," "You can't let me die here like this," and "Why are you taking so long? Help me."

What Henriquez was not able to ignore, however, was the pain from an ankle he turned at the beginning of Sunday's exercise.

"I guess I stepped in a big pool of mud and kind of twisted it," he said. "I think it affected my concentration."

Alas, Henriquez failed in his bid for a badge because he made too many mistakes on the course. He still had nothing but praise for the experience, calling it "great training." He added that he plans to be back next year to try again for the badge.

Asked why, Henriquez said, "I don't quit."

Meanwhile, Miller was looking forward to her remaining challenges and perhaps a crack at the 12-mile march and a gold-medal experience of her own.

"I am actually visualizing crossing the finish line at the end of the 12-mile ruck march," she said. "My heart is in it, and I really hope that I am able to come through and do it this year."

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Picture perfect

Pacific youths win photo contest

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
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SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Put a camera in a child's hands and you will get a glimpse into their world.

That is the idea behind Image Makers, the annual Boys and Girls Club of America photography program that challenges children and teens in the Pacific and across the United States to capture their surroundings in pictures.

Photos are judged and overall winning shots are displayed in museums and at the group's annual national conference.

But first, young Pacific photographers compete in the regional contest, which was held this month at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa. The regional winners in the Pacific were announced Friday and will have a chance to win the overall national photo contest.

The contests are separated into photography categories and age ranges.

The regional winners for color process photos were "Life of Winter" by Stephanie Cepria of Daegu, South Korea, in the 16-18 age group; "Title Unknown" by Jennie Rice of Camp Zama, Japan, in the 13-15 category; "Empty Swing" by Aubreyana Esteves of Guam in the 10-12 category; and "The Old Wheel" by Jennifer Long of Kadena, Okinawa, in the 9 and younger category.

In black and white process, the regional winners were "N/A" by

Trey Sauls of Yokota, Japan, in the 16-18 category; "Hot Rod" by Devon Armentrout of Kadena, Okinawa, in the 13-15 category; "My Clone in a Barbaric World" by Benjamin Edlebeck of Kadena, Okinawa, in the 10-12 category; and "A Walk in the Morning" by Deziree Burton of Sasebo, Japan, in the 9 and younger category.

The digital photography winners were "Mother Nature" by Emie Reyes of Daegu, South Korea, in the 16-18 category; "Sunshine Down" by Jennie Rice of Camp Zama, Japan, in the 13-15 category; "In the Tube" by Keiyl Sasano of Camp Zama, Japan, in the 10-12 category; and "National Bridge" by Marcus Burton, of Sasebo, Japan, in the 9 and younger category.

In photo essays, the winners were "The Lotus Field" by Rebekah Harwell, of Iwakuni, Japan, in the 13-15 category; "Yellow Tunnel" by Brooke Gibson of Kadena, Okinawa, in the 10-12 category; and "Be A Photographer" by Shyanne Kline of Yokosuka, Japan, in the 9 and younger category.

The alternative process winners were "Twisted" by Shelby Hadey of Kwajalein in the 16-18 category; "Dreamy Haze" by Michael Huntley of Camp Zama, Japan, in the 10-12 category; and "Where's the Meat?" by Kyle Mapa of Sasebo, Japan, in the 9 and younger category.

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Courtesy of Sasebo Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The photo "National Bridge" by Marcus Burton of Sasebo, Japan, was one of the Pacific region winners in the annual Image Makers photography contest.

\$930 million budget shortfall forcing Navy to cut back

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The Navy is confronting a \$930 million ship repair and manpower budget shortfall, leading to cutbacks in personnel moves and sailing times.

That is partly the result of costly unanticipated repairs, including that of the cruiser USS Port Royal, which ran aground off Honolulu airport in February, and of the submarine Hartford and amphibious ship New Orleans that collided in the Strait of

Hormuz in March.

As a result, the Navy is halting duty station moves, called a "permanent change of station," that some 14,000 sailors were expecting but for which official notice had not yet been issued.

"It's across the fleet, and it's all about our budget," said Command Master Chief Bill Holz at Navy Region Hawaii. "We've got to live well within our budget, and if we can't, we've got to look at areas where we can conserve."

Because of the recession, sailors are staying in the Navy, Holz said, adding, "The last numbers I've heard, we've got like 3,000 or 3,200 people more than what we're budgeted for."

The Navy also is reducing the sailing time of non-deployed ships, and cutting back on flight hours and port calls to U.S. cities.

As a fuel savings measure, the non-deployed ships will spend about one-third fewer days at sea for activities such as

training. Simulators will be used more and when the ships are at sea, they may operate under reduced engine capacity, or on one propeller if it's a two-propeller vessel, said Lt. Cmdr. Phil Rosi, a spokesman for Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, last week added \$420 million to a defense supplemental appropriations bill to cover some of the shortfall.

The measure also includes \$155 million for ship repairs.

Camp Fuji Marines team up to tackle a mountain of a race

BY TIM WIGHTMAN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FUJI, Japan — It's like running in kitty litter.

That's what Camp Fuji Marines say about trekking up the mountain that overlooks their base, a process that causes a person to sink up to their ankles in lava sand with every step.

And it's a process the 12 Marines who make up the Adventure Race Team hope to have mastered by July 24. That is the date of the 2009 Fuji Mountain Race, which draws thousands of participants from all over the world every year. The half-marathon starts at Gotemba City Hall and ends at the summit of the mountain.

"It's a big deal," said team organizer Staff Sgt. Jay Johnson. "A lot of people come out for it, and rightly so. It's an icon. Everybody knows what Mount Fuji looks like."

Johnson and Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Cole were both new to the base when they noticed pictures from past mountain runs posted in the gym. Cole looked into it and found it had been eight years since the base had a team run in the event. He told Johnson to head up the recruiting effort and to hold practices so that the team could represent well come run time.

Cole said it just made sense to field a Marine team.

"Every morning when you wake up, you look up there and you see the mountain. And there's a race every year that goes up the mountain," Cole said. "It seems natural that the Marines should be participating and at least showing every year in that race."

Johnson had a vision of his own for the team. He wanted the team to compete in not just runs but all sorts of fitness venues, including weightlifting and iron man competitions on other bases. For that reason, he said, the team sports a diverse skill set.

"Everybody brings something to the team. I can't really say there's a weak



PHOTOS BY TIM WIGHTMAN/Stars and Stripes

Above: Members of the Camp Fuji Adventure Race Team start off on a base run Monday. The team is preparing to run in the 2009 Fuji Mountain Race in July. **Below:** Members of the team rest after running on and off base Monday.

link," Johnson said.

Of the group, Cpl. Troy Grassi and Lance Cpl. Mathias King are recognized as the fastest, while Pfc. Kyle Campanella and Cpl. Chad Lepine are two of the strongest — both having done well in a recent bench press competition at Naval Air Facility Atsugi.

Johnson designed the team's grueling workout schedule to improve everyone's abilities. Each day they meet from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sometimes they focus on weight training. Sometimes it is just running. Other times they meet in the gym for what Grassi calls "Jay's crazy workouts."

The team's calling card, though, remains running. To even make the team, a person has to complete a 2 1/2 mile, mostly uphill course in 21 minutes. The runs take them off base and oftentimes off road. It was on rough and smooth terrain that the team recently competed in a 15-kilometer relay race against members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force from nearby Takigahara Garrison.

"Some people won their legs, some people lost, but the last little bit of it was a dead sprint. It was beautiful," said Johnson, who said the race was too close to



call. He said the Japanese team will also be running in the Fuji race.

As that race grows nearer, the team plans to make more runs up the mountain in preparation. They've made a few trips over the past month. Last week, members of the team ran from station 5 to the weather tower — a distance of about a mile, but one in which Johnson says there's a 1,400-meter, or nearly 4,600-foot, rise in elevation.

"It was an hour straight of just trucking straight up," he said. "At one point we

were actually on all fours going up it. It was so steep."

On another outing, the team was passed by a vehicle making its way down the mountain.

"Little did we know that the people driving by us on their way down were going to lock the gate," Lepine said. "So after our friendly run, we come back down the mountain and we're locked inside."

They were stuck for a half-hour, but Johnson said the team built some unity trying to get out.

"Everybody kind of pulled together to make it happen. We'll just say it was quite a hefty lock," he said.

The lock has since been replaced. Lepine keeps the old one in his barracks room as a souvenir.

The team's goal in the mountain race is simply to finish, said Johnson. But he says failure is impossible at this point.

"These gentlemen are out there making it happen every day," he said. "Win, lose or draw come July 24, it won't be because of a lack of effort, because everyone here has done their best."

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USS McCampbell visits Shimoda for Black Ship Festival

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
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A lot has changed in 155 years.

Japan was an isolated country that refused trade and relations with outsiders when U.S. Navy Commodore Matthew C. Perry sailed here in 1854.

Perry negotiated an agreement that year with the Japanese to open the ports of Shimoda and Hakodate near Tokyo — a move that led to trade between the two nations and set the wheels of history in motion, according to the U.S. Naval Historical Center.

Japan and the United States are now the world's top economies, maintain a deep military relationship and share the history of World War II.

Each year for the past seven decades, that initial treaty and Perry's landing in Japan — the start of that long and sometimes

rocky relationship — is revisited at the port of Shimoda during the Black Ship Festival.

Over the weekend, a destroyer from Yokosuka Naval Base was part of this year's festival in southwest Kanagawa Prefecture, the U.S. Navy said.

The USS McCampbell was opened for tours by Japanese officials and its crew participated in ceremonies and sporting events Friday through Sunday, the ship said in a news release.

About 60 McCampbell sailors went to Shimoda Elementary School to visit Japanese students.

Sailors paraded down Shimoda's streets Saturday and hundreds of citizens came to see the U.S. 7th Fleet band and Yokosuka's Nile C. Kinnick High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Drill Team march in the parade.

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Japanese residents re-enact Edo Period Japan while sailors from the USS McCampbell march in the Black Ship Festival in Shimoda, Japan, on Saturday. McCampbell represented the U.S. Navy in the festival, which commemorated the 1854 arrival of Commodore Matthew C. Perry and his crew at Shimoda and the subsequent opening of trade between Japan and the West.

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Misawa tries out its noncombatant evacuation plans

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa officials tested their ability to care for noncombatant evacuees during an exercise that began Monday.

Misawa residents serving as role players in non-combatant evacuation operation exercise "Safe Haven" simulated arriving at Misawa from "Base YY."

In a real-world scenario — such as a natural disaster or military action on the Korean peninsula — American noncombatants might transit through Misawa on their way to the United States.

The exercise lets the base agencies that would be involved in an evacuation practice their skills, said Regina Fivella of the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

Deanna Dlugiewicz, who works with Fivella, said the goal is to provide "security and stability" to those en route, focusing on issues such as food, shelter and clothing.

In a real situation, the people arriving on the planes would have plenty of questions, from "How am I going to get paid?" to "How long will I have to be here?" Dlugiewicz said while manning the exercise command-and-control center.

The role players were given assignments to test the process. Some adults pretended they were antsy children who couldn't sit still during the briefing. One spoke only Spanish and needed a translator. One continually tried to leave the in-processing center in the Mokuteki Community Center.

After a quick briefing, the evacuees were given a chance to meet with representatives from military and civilian personnel offices, the legal office, Air Force Aid Society and even a chaplain.



T.D. FLACK/Stars and Stripes

Base residents act as evacuees during a non-combatant evacuation exercise Monday at Misawa Air Base, Japan.

The American Red Cross explained that each evacuee could send one 50-word emergency message to family or friends. A finance clerk explained that their lodging costs and per diem allowances would be paid upon arrival in the United States.

Taream Roberson, a base civilian, said he thought the base did a good job running the exercise.

"I know it will be a lot more stressful in a real-world situation," he said. "A lot of this is just simulated."

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Misawa to screen travelers for flu

Tests ordered for recent visitors to U.S.

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

cases in Japan jumped to more than 120, according to The Associated Press.

Japanese officials confirmed at least 121 people have tested positive for the H1N1 virus, according to an Associated Press report on Monday.

According to the AP report, Japan is the fourth-most infected country.

Earlier this month, a 4-month-old infant and the child's mother were quarantined after arriving at Yokota Air Base, Japan, because the infant had a fever. Thirteen passengers sitting near the infant were voluntarily quarantined until testing on the woman and infant proved negative.

USFJ officials have said that they will continue to screen passengers arriving from the States to U.S. bases in Japan, just as Japan is doing at international airports to try to prevent swine flu from entering the country, the spokesman said.

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Iraqi courts set Jan. 30 aside for national election

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi voters will choose a new parliament at the end of January for the first time since 2005, setting the stage for elections that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki hopes will reward him for improved security in the country.

But a recent spate of deadly bombings in Baghdad has dented his image, and the threat of more violence could rise as U.S. forces redeploy outside of urban areas by June 30 as scheduled. The U.S. should be able to help Iraqi forces maintain security for the Jan. 30 vote, but with more than eight months to go, a second term for al-Maliki is far from certain.

The Shiite prime minister, who completes three years in office this month, is looking for a stronger mandate to forge ahead with what he says is a unity government that includes all of Iraq's ethnic and religious groups. He hopes to build on the success his supporters had in provincial elections held in January.

But those elections highlighted

that Iraqi politics are still fairly sectarian, with many Shiites and Sunnis voting for candidates based on religion. Overcoming that tendency and maintaining the improved security of the past two years will be the two most significant challenges for al-Maliki as he seeks to strengthen his power.

The legislature received a ruling Monday from the country's Federal Court setting the Jan. 30 date, which is about a month later than had been expected, deputy parliament speaker Khalid al-Attiyah told The Associated Press.

Iraq's last general election was in December 2005, but the elected legislature did not hold its first session until March 2006, prompting the parliament's request for a court ruling on the date for the next election.

Al-Maliki had opposed calls to delay the election even longer. Postponing the vote would give Shiite and Sunni rivals who did not fare as well in the provincial elections more time to regroup. The Kurdish self-ruled region in the north did not participate in the provincial elections.

Afghans flood the streets of Jalalabad to protest an incident in which a group of Afghan soldiers opened fire in a market in eastern Afghanistan early Monday, killing three shopkeepers, police said.

Afghan president's brother targeted in assassination attempt on convoy

BY RAHIM FAIEZ AND NOOR KHAN
The Associated Press

KABUL — Rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire rained down on a motorcade carrying the brother of Afghanistan's president on Monday in an apparent assassination attempt, the brother said. A bodyguard was killed.

Ahmad Wali Karzai said his convoy was on the way back to Kabul from eastern Nangarhar province when gunmen attacked them in Surobi, a mountainous area about 25 miles from the capital. The younger brother of President Hamid Karzai was not harmed.

Wali Karzai was returning from a trip to the eastern city of Jalalabad, where he went Sunday to thank Nangarhar Gov. Gul Agha Sherzai for not running against his brother in this summer's presidential election.

Gunmen fired on the cars after they entered the Surobi pass, said Abdul Jalal Shamal, the Surobi district police chief.

"All of the sudden, we heard shooting," Wali Karzai said, speaking in English. Two police officers were thrown from the pickup truck behind his vehicle, he said. They rushed the bodyguard to a hospital, but he died while being treated.

Wali Karzai, who is the president of the provincial council of the southern Kandahar province, did not comment on who might want to kill him.

Kandahar province is the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban, the hard-line Islamist militiamen who ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001 and are now waging an insurgency against President Karzai's government. The president has escaped several assassination attempts himself.

Southern Afghanistan also sits at the heart of the booming heroin business, and local and international media reports have alleged that Wali Karzai is involved in the opium poppy trade.

No one has ever proved he is involved, and Wali Karzai has repeatedly denied the charges.

The younger Karzai said he was certain that he was the target of Monday's attack because many people knew he had visited Sherzai and because the gunmen only fired on his part of the convoy.

"They didn't target anyone else," Wali Karzai said. The convoy continued on to Kabul after the incident.

Also on Monday, a group of Afghan army soldiers in Jalalabad opened fire in a market, killing three shopkeepers, police said.

The troops were being held in an army compound, said provincial Police Chief Gen. Mohammad Ayub Salangi. A police spokesman had previously said four were arrested. The incident sparked a protest in the streets of the city, with hundreds of residents shouting "Death to the Afghan Army!" as they marched.

Commission: Fewer civilians killed in raids

From staff and wire reports

The number of civilians killed during U.S. strikes in western Afghanistan is significantly less than the Afghan government has said, according to a report in The Washington Times, which cites the leading human rights group in the nation.

An investigation by the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission concluded that between 90 and 100 people were killed during an operation on May 4-5 in Farah province, director Ahmad Nader Nadery told The Washington Times. The investigation also found no evidence that white phosphorus had been used.

Afghan officials say 140 civilians were killed, including 95 children. The U.S. military has not released its own estimate, but it suggested that militants were firing from the village when the bombs were dropped. Villagers, however, told reporters later that the insurgents had left the area prior to the military strikes.

Nadery told the newspaper that it appeared a "couple" of militants had been among the dead.

"Even if some Taliban remained in the village, dropping a dozen bombs into a residential area doesn't seem to make much sense," Brad Adams, Asia director for Human Rights Watch, told

the Times. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on Monday said the United States cannot be successful in Afghanistan if large

numbers of civilians keep getting killed amid the conflict. He also refused to rule out strikes from unmanned drones, often used to launch missiles at militant hide-outs.



Mullen

Omar al-Baghdadi is bald, while this man has hair."

Because Abu Omar al-Baghdadi is a nom de guerre, it is entirely possible that two men have been using the same name, Anbar police chief Gen. Tariq Yusuf said.

The man whom government forces are holding "is a terrorist," he said. "But there might be Abu Omar al-Baghdadi No. 1 and Abu Omar al-Baghdadi No. 2."

Government officials could not be reached for comment. But several past claims by the Iraqi government that they have captured al-Baghdadi and other leaders have turned out to be false.

The government announced two years ago it had killed al-Baghdadi, only for the U.S. military to reveal that the dead man was another militant slain a few days earlier by U.S. troops.

A recently released audiotape shows a man claiming to be al-Baghdadi insisted he was still free. But the government maintains it has him in custody.

U.S. officials have not been given access to the detained man, and the U.S. still has "no operational reporting that confirms the capture or arrest of al-Baghdadi," the military said.

The U.S. has said that it is not sure al-Baghdadi exists.

Hubble receives final repairs

BY MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space-walking astronauts finished work on the inside of the Hubble Space Telescope on Monday and shut the doors to the treasured observatory, which will never be touched by human hands again.

NASA said the telescope will be better than ever thanks to the astronauts' efforts over the past five days and should provide more dazzling views of the universe for another five to 10 years.

During this last visit to Hubble, the shuttle Atlantis astronauts gave Hubble two state-of-the-art science instruments and fixed two others.

The \$220 million worth of new instruments should allow the telescope to gaze farther back into time — within 500 million or 600 million years of the first moments of the universe.

Prior to the repairs, Hubble was able to look back to within 800 million years.

"This is a very important moment in human history," said Hubble senior project scientist David Leckrone. "We will rewrite the textbooks at least one more time."

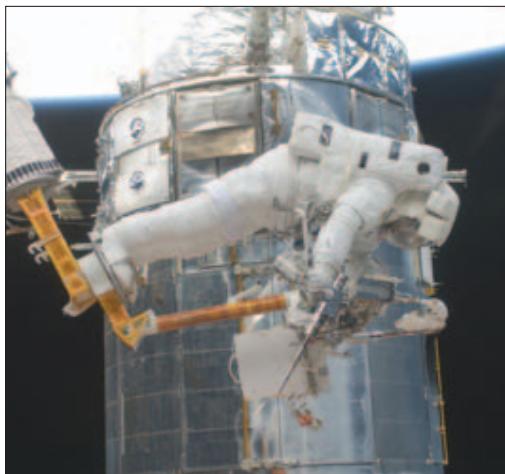


PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA/AP

Astronaut Andrew Feustel, STS-125 mission specialist, retrieves a power tool as he navigates near the Hubble Space Telescope on the end of the remote manipulator system arm on Saturday.

It was the fifth and final spacewalk for the Atlantis crew, and the fifth and final visit by astronauts to Hubble.

"All righty, Drew, let's go and be

The shuttle astronauts will set Hubble free Tuesday.

All told, this visit to Hubble cost more than \$1 billion.

productive," chief mechanic John Grunsfeld told his partner.

"This is a real great day," Mission Control told the astronauts, "a great way to finish this out."

Keen on leaving the 19-year-old observatory in the best possible shape for gazing upon the universe, Grunsfeld and Andrew Feustel gave the telescope another fresh set of batteries Monday and a new sensor for fine pointing.

That left plenty of time to install steel foil sheets to protect against radiation and the extreme temperature changes of space.

Satellite images helping police curb drug trade

Stars and Stripes

A little-known U.S. military intelligence agency is helping law enforcement curb drug trade on the U.S.-Mexico border by providing satellite imagery of Mexican drug-running operations, according to a report in the Arizona Republic.

R. Scott Zikmanis, a deputy director of operations with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, told the newspaper that the agency could coordinate with U.S. and Mexican police agencies if photos identified criminals preparing to cross the border with drugs or stashing drugs in an area near the border.

As an example, Zikmanis told the paper, if the National Security Agency were to intercept conversations about a planned drug shipment across the border, a satellite could then photograph the preparations for the shipment and the information could be sent to U.S. border agents. The agents could then alert Mexican authorities or try to make an arrest as the shipment comes across the border.

"Is it possible? Of course it is," the paper quoted Zikmanis as saying. "Is it practical? Yes."

Federal law prohibits U.S. military operations on U.S. soil unless authorized by Congress, so satellite images are taken only of the Mexican side of the border, the paper reported. It said the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency focuses surveillance on foreign nations, though it also has assisted in domestic disasters such as wildfires and Hurricane Katrina.

Hispanic, Asian populations experiencing slower growth rate

BY HOPE YEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Deterred by immigration laws and the lackluster economy, the population growth of Hispanics and Asians in the U.S. has slowed unexpectedly, causing the government to push back estimates on when minorities will become the majority by as much as a decade.

Census data released Thursday also showed that fewer Hispanics were migrating to suburbs and newly emerging immigrant areas in the Southeast, including Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia, staying put instead in gateway locations such as California.

The nation's overall minority population continues to rise steadily, adding 2.3 percent in 2008 to 104.6 million, or 34 percent of the total population. But the slowdown among Hispanics and Asians continues to shift conventional notions on when the tipping point in U.S. diversity will come — estimated to occur more than three decades from now. Black growth rates remain somewhat flat.

Thirty-six states had lower Hispanic growth in 2008 compared with the year before. The declines

were in places where the housing bubble burst, such as Nevada and Arizona.

Other decreases were seen in new immigrant destinations in the Southeast, previously seen as offering good manufacturing jobs in lower-cost cities compared to the pricier Northeast. In contrast, cities in California, Illinois and New Jersey showed gains.

The Census Bureau projected last August that white children will become the minority in 2023 and the overall white population will follow in 2042. The agency now says it will recalculate those figures, typically updated every three to four years, because they don't fully take into account anti-immigration policies after the September 2001 terror attacks and the current economic crisis.

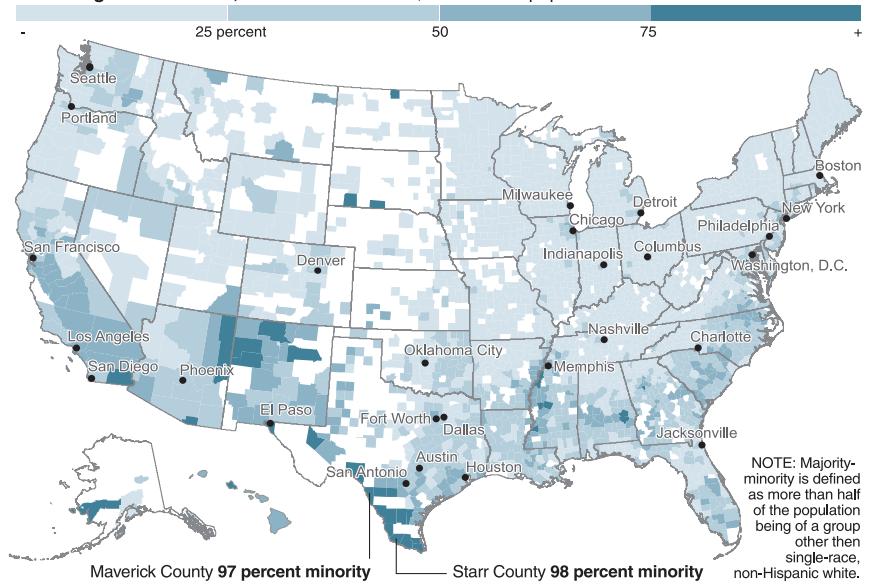
The new projections, expected to be released later this year, could delay the tipping point for minorities by 10 years, given the current low rates of immigration, David Waddington, the Census Bureau's chief of projections, said in a telephone interview.

The 2008 census estimates used local records of births and deaths, tax records and census statistics on immigrants.

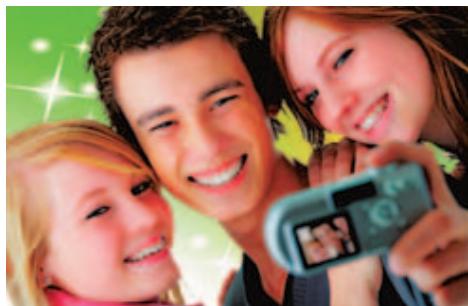
1 in 10 counties have majority-minority populations

In 2008, non-Hispanic whites made up less than half of the population in about 10 percent of U.S. counties.

Percentage of minorities, U.S. counties with 10,000 or more population



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IN THE WORLD

Countries caution WHO on changing global alert level

BY FRANK JORDANS
The Associated Press

GENEVA — China, Britain, Japan and other countries urged the World Health Organization on Monday to be very cautious about declaring the arrival of a swine flu pandemic, fearing that a premature announcement could cause worldwide panic and confusion. WHO bent to their wishes.

As the agency opened its annual meeting, WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan said she had listened carefully to the concerns of member states and would follow their instructions.

The new swine flu virus continues to spread rapidly, but the world is still short of facing a pandemic, Chan said, keeping the alert level at the currently phase 5 out of a possible 6, indicating a global outbreak is likely.

"This virus may have given us a grace period, but we do not know how long this grace period will last," Chan said. "No one can say whether this is just the calm before the storm."

At phase 6, the world has a swine flu pandemic — meaning there is an epidemic in at least two world regions.

Health experts from dozens of countries urged WHO to change its standards for declaring a pandemic, saying it should take into account whether the virus was causing severe or mild illness, not just how quickly it was spreading.

"We need to give you and your team more flexibility as to whether we move to phase 6," said British Health Secretary Alan Johnson.

Chan repeated her warning that the virus could pose a grave threat to humans.



LAURENT GILLERON/AP

Dr. Margaret Chan, center, director-general of the World Health Organization, speaks next to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, left, and Mexican Health Minister Jose Angel Cordova Villalobos during the 62nd World Health Assembly at the U.N. headquarters in Geneva.

"A new influenza virus with great pandemic potential, the new influenza A (H1N1) strain, has emerged," she said.

Most deaths have occurred in Mexico, but there is global unease that the virus seems to be spreading easily from person to person and rapidly from country to country.

"We expect this pattern to continue," Chan said, adding it was unclear whether or when the world moves to the highest flu alert.

At least 40 countries now have confirmed cases — and the number of swine flu infections in Japan rose from four on Friday to over 130 on Monday.

Congo plagued by ex-rebel rape, killing

BY ANITA POWELL
The Associated Press

GOMA, Congo — Congolese rebels integrated into the country's army as part of a peace deal are looting, raping and killing the civilians they are meant to protect, U.N. military commanders told top U.N. officials on Monday.

The failure of integration efforts threatens attempts to bring peace to eastern Congo. The mineral-rich region has been torn apart by violence since Hutu militias who carried out Rwanda's genocide fled there almost 15 years ago.

Congo's violence has previously sucked in half a dozen of its neighbors, destabilizing central Africa.

Since a peace agreement was signed in 2003, about 16,600 rebel fighters have been integrated into the regular Congolese army — itself a notoriously ill-disciplined force of roughly 125,000.

Brig. Gen. Bipin Rawat, the commander of the U.N.'s forces in the north Kivu region, said that had not stopped the former rebels from murdering, torturing and raping civilians.

"We have been insisting to them that they refrain from carrying out human rights violations," he told visiting members of the U.N. Security Council who are touring the region.

Lyne Lusi, the director of HEAL Africa hospital, said she had seen an increase in the number of rapes since the rebels were integrated.

"We have to put much more em-

phasis on the protection of civilians," she said. Her hospital in the eastern town of Goma sometimes treats more than 400 rape victims a month. Sex attacks in Congo are infamous for their brutality and frequency.

"The civilian population is under general suspicion from both sides as collaborators," said Marcel Stoessel, a Congo-based director for Oxfam.

The 16,475-strong U.N. mission, known by its French acronym MONUC, says it does not have enough soldiers to protect all civilians in the Congo, a country larger than Western Europe but with only 300 miles of paved roads.

That forces them to depend on the Congolese soldiers to help defend the population. But Lt. Gen. Babacar Gaye, military commander of the U.N. mission, said the Congolese soldiers had not been paid for five months. He said the U.N. was feeding 20,000 Congolese soldiers every day because they had no food for themselves.

Congo is notoriously corrupt and army officers frequently steal the paychecks they are supposed to disburse, sending their men to prey on the population instead.

Gaye said the violence against civilians was unlikely to stop soon.

"We are on the way of progress," he said. "Unfortunately this way is paved with atrocities."



AP

Workers dismantle a statue Saturday in an unopened sex theme park in Chongqing, China. The park featured explicit exhibits of genitalia and sexual culture.

Keeping it clean: China shutters sex theme park

The Associated Press

BEIJING — This investment turned out to be as risky as it was risqué.

A sex theme park that featured explicit exhibits of genitalia and sexual culture is being demolished before it can even open, a government spokesman in southwestern China said Monday.

The park, christened "Love Land" by its owners, went under the wrecking ball over the weekend in the city of Chongqing, said the spokesman, who like many Chinese bureaucrats would give only his surname, Yang.

Yang refused to give the reason for the demolition or other details. However, photographs of the adult-only park had circulat-

ed widely on the Internet over the weekend, prompting widespread mockery and condemnation.

Exhibits had included giant-sized reproductions of male and female anatomy, dissertations on how the topic of sex is treated in various cultures and what the official China Daily newspaper called "sex technique workshops."

The park's main investor, Lu Xiaoqing, had earlier claimed that the attractions sought only to boost sexual awareness and improve people's sex lives.

The demolition highlights conflicted views on sex in modern China, where a prudish attitude toward discussion of sexuality is paired with an almost clinical approach to its physical aspects.

Guatemalans demand president resigns

GUATEMALA CITY — Thousands of Guatemalans protested Sunday to demand the president resign over accusations that he ordered a lawyer killed.

Supporters of President Alvaro Colom staged a counter-demonstration.

Colom denies Rodrigo Rosenberg's allegations, which were broadcast posthumously after the attorney was killed a week ago.

Sri Lanka officials say Tamil Tiger leader dead

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka declared Monday it had crushed the Tamil Tiger rebels, killing their chief, Velupillai Prabhakaran, and ending his three-decade quest for an independent land for minority Tamils.

The announcement sparked mass celebrations around the country, and people poured into the streets of Colombo dancing and singing.

Rebel faces court over Darfur war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A Sudanese rebel leader appeared at the International Criminal Court on Monday after turning himself in voluntarily to face war crimes charges over an attack on African peacekeepers in Darfur.

Bahar Idriss Abu Garda, 46, is the first suspect from the Sudan conflict to come before the court, and the first rebel to be charged.

Judge Cuno Tarfusser informed him of the charges, which include murder, pillaging and attacking peacekeepers during an attack in September 2007.

From The Associated Press

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (May 19)	93.00
South Korean won (May 19)	1,229.00
Euro costs (May 19)	\$1.3837
Dollar buys (May 19)	€0.7227
British pound (May 19)	\$1.57

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5292
Canada (Dollar)	1.1674
China (Yuan)	6.8276
Denmark (Krone)	5.5188
Egypt (Pound)	5.90
Euro	\$1.3494, £0.7411
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7526
Hungary (Forint)	210.00
Israel (Shekel)	4.1630
Japan (Yen)	95.82
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2900
Norway (Krone)	6.5000
Philippines (Peso)	47.68
Poland (Zloty)	3.29
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7502
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4663
South Korea (Won)	1,262.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1197
Thailand (Bath)	34.56
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5544

(Note: Exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when converting currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$930.90
Silver	\$13.990

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.15
30-year bond	4.09

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

EDUCATION



L. TODD SPENCER, THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT/AP

Norval Broome, 69, a math teacher at King's Fork High in Suffolk, Va., interacts with students during an Algebra II class on April 28. Broome is a former Navy officer who specialized in electronics and nuclear power technologies before he decided to become a math teacher a couple years ago.

Setting a course for change

Former sailor and engineer tries his hand at teaching kids math

BY HATTIE BROWN GARROW
The Virginian-Pilot

Norval Broome wove through the maze of desks in classroom B 214 at King's Fork High School. The test on conic sections was minutes away and most of his two dozen Algebra II students were using the review time to enter equations into graphing calculators.

"Who needs a little help?" Broome asked. "I don't mind helping you."

As the teacher answered questions, one girl cracked open a Nora Roberts novel while her math workbook lay on the desk unopened. Two boys chatted, the topic steering far from the problems on the board.

Almost 69, Broome is three years into his third career — one he admits is frustrating and harder than he expected.

The good days are when students grasp his lessons, seem interested in math concepts or score well on a test. The bad days?

Those are the times he just wishes his students would care.

"I don't know how to motivate them, and that bothers me," he said.

His students don't necessarily agree.

"He thinks everybody is capable of succeeding," said senior Jacqueline Mullins.

For decades, Broome was on the outside looking in — an engineer who thought teachers had it easy because they get summers off.

He joined the Navy at 18 and, after graduating from Purdue University, worked for the now-defunct U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. While in the AEC's division of naval reactors, Broome helped develop nuclear power plants for Nimitz-class aircraft carriers and the Sturgeon class of submarines.

In 1978, after 20 years in the military, Broome, who has a doctor's degree in electrical engineering, retired and joined Mitre Corp. to work on satellite and submarine communications systems for the Navy.

The NAACP recognized his achieve-

ments and so did US Black Engineer & Information Technology magazine, which named him "Black Engineer of the Year" in 1987.

Why bother becoming a teacher?

For one, he wanted to keep busy. Teaching allowed Broome to get off the couch and get on with life after his wife of 45 years died of pancreatic cancer.

He had another goal, too. Perhaps he could inspire teens to pursue careers in math and engineering, two fields where American students are losing ground.

"I didn't realize how hard the challenge really was," he said. "If we don't turn things around, we're headed for a national calamity."

Broome has had students who were repeating a course for the second and third time. They seem unprepared for the pace and intensity of the material, he said.

"I get kids in my advanced algebra class that do not have the background in math required for the class that should have been developed in the third, fourth, fifth grades," Broome said.

Sex ed: Is it the end of teaching abstinence-only?

BY TARA MALONE
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The birds and the bees may be universal, but what schoolchildren learn about their sexuality is not. And it may again be up for debate.

Congress is to consider whether to curtail its support of abstinence-only lessons. That, coupled with a recent uptick in U.S. teen pregnancies and new research that suggests abstinence-only programs are not as effective as more sweeping programs at changing behavior, may augur a shift in what schools teach about sex.

The federal investment in abstinence-only education spiked 74 percent under President George W. Bush to total \$176 million annually.

President Barack Obama, meanwhile, has said he supports adding other forms of contraception to the lessons as part of an "age-appropriate, medically accurate program" to reduce teen pregnancies. Congress cut \$14 million from abstinence education programs in March.

The tenor of the discussions concerns Valerie Huber, executive director of the National Abstinence Education Association.

"If federal funding for abstinence education were to go away ... the breadth of the approach will be hindered," Huber said. "We're hoping that's not the case, but so many communities and states are in an economic downturn."

Abstinence-only advocates contend that, just as adults drill teens not to drink and drive, educators should teach them to avoid risk by maintaining celibacy until marriage. Those who favor a more comprehensive approach say leaving out other forms of contraception doesn't jibe with reality.

Nearly two-thirds of high school seniors said they have had sexual intercourse, and 22 percent said they had been with at least four partners, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last year.

A 2007 federal report found that abstinence programs had little effect on changing teen behavior, and teen pregnancies climbed for the second year.

"We have junior high school principals calling us because they have five kids who are pregnant. They care deeply about students, but they don't know what to do," said Kathleen Burke, chief executive officer of the Robert Crown Center for Health Education.

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FACES

Minogue in vogue

Singing superstar takes act stateside

While Kylie Minogue is a superstar overseas, in the United States, she's been more of a cult phenomenon.

Because of that, Minogue has spent most of her time touring places like Europe, Asia and her native Australia, while admittedly treating the United States like an afterthought.

But Minogue is about to change her mindset. She is launching her first U.S. tour this fall, and while it will be short — only six cities — she's hoping to reconnect with her small but feverish fan base.

Why'd you decide to tour in the United States now?

I've wanted to for ages, for the longest time, and it just never was feasible to do it. ... I'm doing it simply to do it, it's not to promote anything, it's not on the back of anything else, and it's nice to have that freedom to create my show.

What can fans expect?

I'm sure most people who will come to see the show will know of my work, so we're hoping to do like a "best of" different tours that I've done. There's nothing like being in same room with your peers, you know. I only started saying "peeps" because I'm in America (laughs). And that's when you really feel that connection and get to see what works, and there's nothing else like that.

Why do you think you've had less success in the United States?

I don't have the audience here that I have in other parts of the world. I also think you need to be here, you really need to spend time

and to be on tour, to travel, to bring your music to the people, and I haven't really done that.

You were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005. How do you feel now?

I'm doing good. It's amazing how many people are affected by cancer, and it's definitely something that stays with you and you have a lot to think about and your life changes. I feel very fortunate.

Was music therapeutic for you during that time?

It was. My sister would come over to Paris where I was having treatment and she'd have the iPod full of music and she'd say, "Come on!" And she'd change the energy of the whole place and really try and get my spirits up and get me moving.

How do you think you've grown as a musician since you debuted in the 80s?

I guess the kind of assurance and belief I have in myself as an artist. I think I started with that because I didn't know any different, and then probably sometime in the middle I wasn't quite sure and I think most artists have kind of built on a good dose of insecurities anyway so you're constantly trying to get over that. But I feel really very comfortable where I am at the moment and I think that's why I'm loving touring so much because it's not as scary as it used to be.

Would you move to America?

If you'll have me (laughs). I love spending time here, that's for sure.

— Mesfin Fekadu/
The Associated Press



AP

'Angels & Demons' edges 'Star Trek' at box office

"Angels & Demons" took the box office from "Star Trek" by earning \$48 million in its first weekend of release.

The haul was far less than the earlier Dan Brown adaptation "The Da Vinci Code" — which earned \$77.1 million when it opened in 2006 — but still enough to topple the popular "Star Trek," according to studio estimates Sunday.

In its second weekend, Paramount Pictures' "Star Trek" took in \$43 million, a strong number after its \$75.2 million opening last weekend, excluding its Thursday midnight screenings.

The cumulative total for J.J. Abrams' reboot of the sci-fi franchise is \$147.6 million.

Sony's "Angels & Demons" reunites Tom Hanks and director Ron Howard for the sequel to "The Da Vinci Code." It opened



Tom Hanks stars in "Angels & Demons."

without the benefit of the buzz and controversy that propelled "The Da Vinci Code" to a \$753 million worldwide total.

"Angels & Demons" was the only new wide-release film of the weekend.

Coming in third was "X-Men Originals: Wolverine," which earned \$14.8 million in its third week, bringing its total to \$151.1 million. The prequel to the "X-Men" franchise, starring Hugh Jackman as the mutant with metal claws, had a steep drop-off in its second week.

According to Hollywood.com, the rest of the top 5, based on estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday, consists of "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past," \$6.9 million and "Obsessed," \$4.6 million.

— The Associated Press

Gokey of 'Idol': Spec-tacular

"Idol" eliminated Danny Gokey has his sights set on a new gig: Professional eyeglasses model.

Gokey, who was booted from the show last week, is known for wearing trademark specs and may develop his own line of eyeglasses in the future.

Gokey says that when he started "Idol," he owned about 15 pairs of glasses. Now, he has a collection of more than 50 pairs. The freebie eyewear has been one of his favorite "Idol" perks.

Gokey hopes he's opened kids' eyes and showed them that specs can be cool, not necessarily "nerdy." He's gotten feedback from parents whose kids want to wear their glasses again after seeing Gokey rock his every week on TV.

— Wireless Flash



Gokey's future looks rosy.

4. On results night, the contestants premier that week's music video, blatantly sponsored by what car company?

- A. Chevy
- B. Toyota
- C. Volkswagen
- D. Ford

5. What year did "American Idol" debut?

- A. 2000
- B. 2001

C. 2002
D. 2003

ANSWERS:

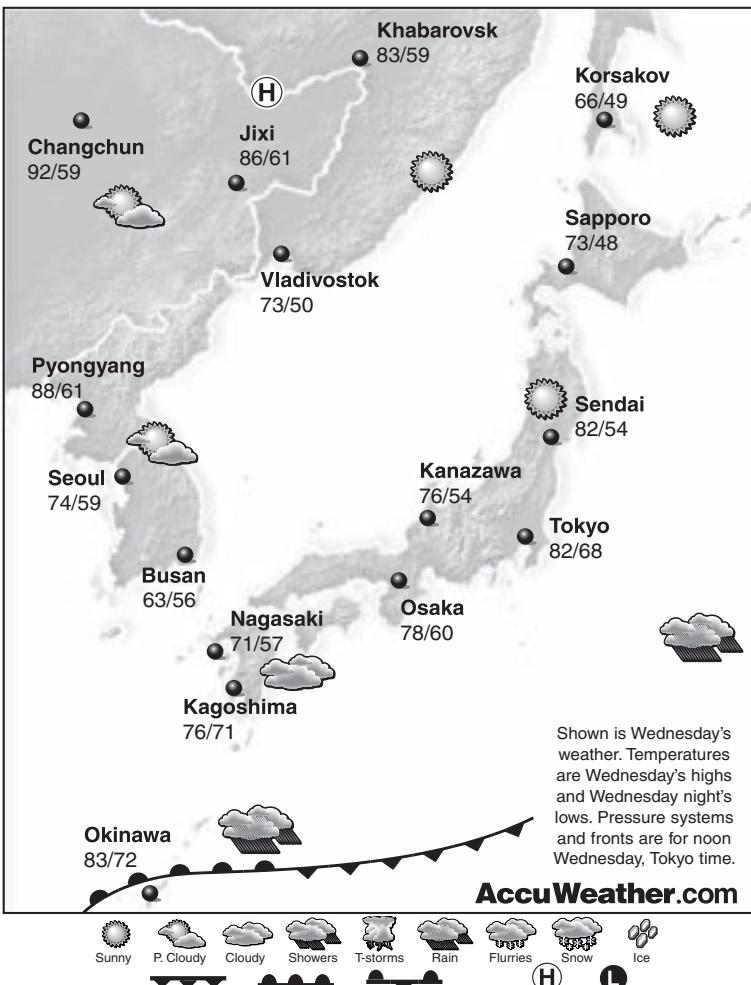
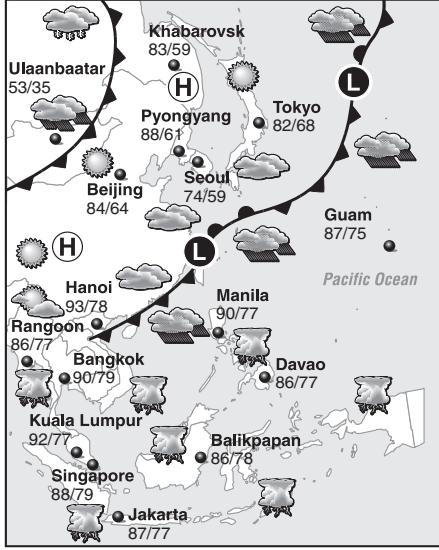
1-B (Ruben Studdard, Taylor Hicks and David Cook), 2-A, 3-D, 4-D, 5-C

— Sally Dadisman/MCT

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Sasebo	4:57 a.m.	11:21 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
Naha	3:41 a.m.	10:07 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	10:08 p.m.
Hachinohe	12:18 p.m.	6:13 a.m.	11:59 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
Korea				
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Naha	4:21 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	10:57 p.m.
Hachinohe	1:33 p.m.	6:57 a.m.	none	6:40 p.m.
Korea				
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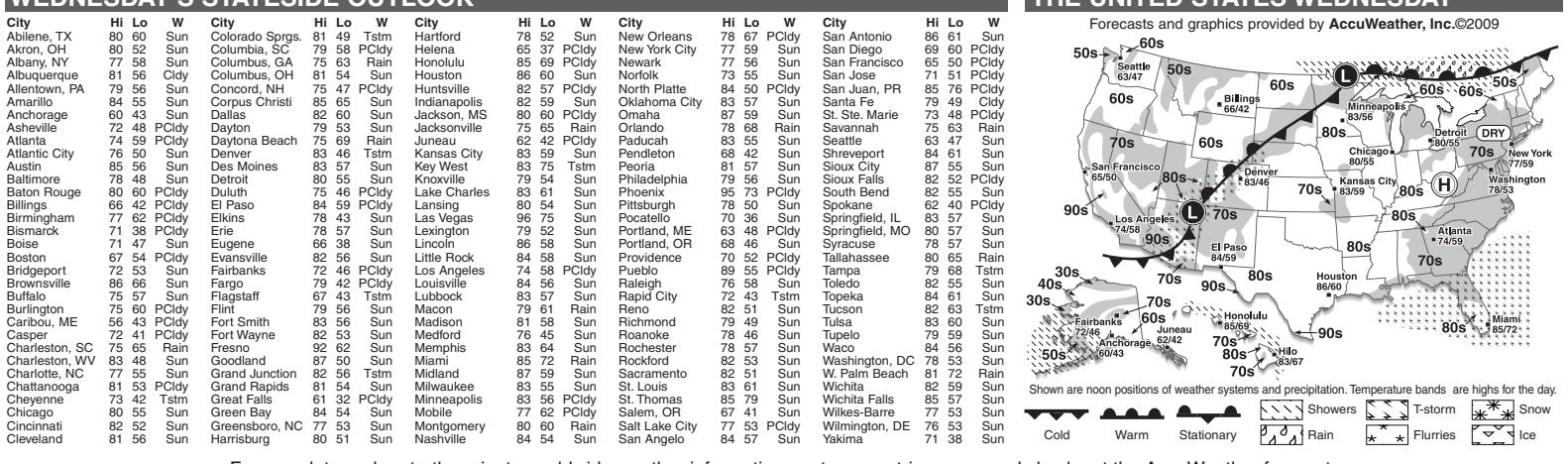
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Day: Sunny. High 73.
Night: Clear. Low 48.

Kanto Plain

Day: Sunshine. High 82.
Night: Patchy clouds. Low 68.

Southern Japan

Day: Mostly cloudy. High 71.

Night: Cloudy, a little rain. Low 57.

Okinawa

Day: Decreasing clouds. High 83.

Night: Increasing clouds. Low 72.

Korea

Day: Partly sunny. High 74.

Night: Cloudy, a shower late. Low 59.

Guam

Day: Partly sunny, a shower. High 87.

Night: A shower in the area. Low 75.

THURSDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan

Day: Mostly sunny. High 73.

Night: Cloudy. Low 50.

Kanto Plain

Day: Cloudy and not as warm. High 76.

Night: Considerable clouds. Low 67.

Southern Japan

Day: Rain and a t-storm. High 72.

Night: Periods of rain. Low 55.

Okinawa

Day: Mostly sunny. High 82.

Night: Becoming cloudy. Low 73.

Korea

Day: Occasional rain. High 71.

Night: Cloudy, a little rain. Low 56.

Guam

Day: Sunshine with a shower. High 88.

Night: Partly cloudy. Low 75.

FRIDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan

Day: Showers possible. High 70.

Night: Showers possible. Low 48.

Kanto Plain

Day: A brief shower or two. High 80.

Night: Partly cloudy. Low 66.

Southern Japan

Day: Mostly cloudy. High 75.

Night: Clear. Low 57.

Okinawa

Day: Clearing. High 82.

Night: Partly cloudy. Low 72.

Korea

Day: A brief shower or two. High 71.

Night: A brief shower. Low 54.

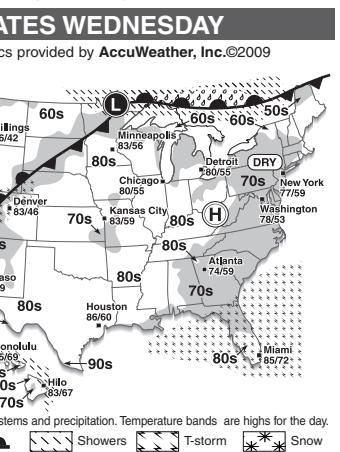
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Day: A brief shower or two. High 87.

Night: An evening shower. Low 75.

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Article on guards unfair

I would like to comment on "Panel: Security guards at U.S. bases in Iraq are poorly trained, equipped" (April 28).

I have worked in Iraq as a guard for two years, and though I have seen some challenges, they have not been all that threatening. I really don't understand it when the [Commission on Wartime Contracting] says "poorly trained." Does it mean that the guards don't know how to use their weapons or don't know any field drills?

It is really not [appropriate] to tarnish Uganda's name by saying that its guards are poorly trained. I would agree with being poorly equipped, which [should] be blamed on a company, and not an entire country. Some companies treat their guards like nothing, and hence, do not give them anything for their safety.

I would love to advise the reporter of that article to visit different camps and come up with a fair conclusion. I think the guards in Iraq are doing a great job and deserve appreciation.

Sherura Shana
Camp Liberty, Iraq

No need for speed on Kadena

While sitting in my car Friday on Kadena Air Base, I noticed something disturbing. It wasn't the children playing in the parking lot, or people parking in the roadway and leaving their cars running and unattended, or the propensity of some to turn their music up so loud that not only could I not hear the words but my car vibrated with the beat; it wasn't even parents and children yelling obscenities at each other. What disturbed me was that nearly every

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car that drove through that parking lot in the 30 minutes I sat there was going crazily fast.

There is a posted speed limit as cars come on base; the speed limit in all parking lots is 10 kph. Also, when children (or runners) are present, the speed limit on the road drops to 25 kph. None of these cars was doing close to that. I heard several shift into second and third gear, and even more use it as a turnabout route, never slowing as they did the equivalent of a U-turn through the Youth Center parking lot.

When I arrived here in 1999, the instructor of the driving class was most emphatic about certain base regulations: Do not

Like it or not, Afghanistan is America's war

Washington Post editorial

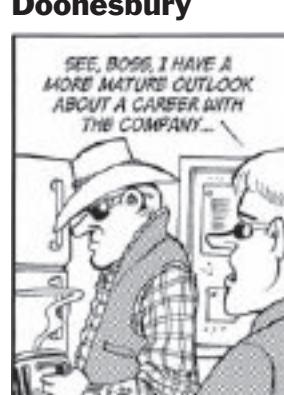
President Barack Obama's clashes with the liberal base of his party are the kind of sporting event that Washington loves. But what Obama is confronting is less his party and more a stubborn reality that many in his party are unwilling to accept: There are forces in the world that continue to wage war against the United States and its allies, whether or not the United States wants to acknowledge that war.

Obama's recent decisions on paying for Afghanistan, reviving military tribunals and withholding photos of detainee abuse, among others, all reflect this reality.

Although we disagreed with his conclusion on the photos, we sympathize with his concern that it might harm Americans fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His announcement Friday that he had reversed his opposition to trying some enemy detainees in military commissions reflects, again, the fact of a nation at war; the federal courts will not be the proper venue for every al-Qaida member captured by U.S. forces.

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

speed, make sure you never leave your car running unattended, keep your music low enough that people outside the car can't hear it. Have these regulations changed? Has the speed limit near children or in parking lots changed? If it has, could a base announcement please be made so that all of us will no longer be uneducated?

And if the regulations have not changed, is it possible to have as much support of these regulations as we did for the ZZ13 campaign a few years ago?

Tech. Sgt. Candy Caines
Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

Finding NEO to be educational

My wife Christina and I would like to recognize and thank the good soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division who ran the Courageous Channel NEO (noncombatant evacuation operations) exercise in Yongsan this year (May 14-16). We were pleasantly surprised to find how perfectly courteous, efficient and knowledgeable they were.

Unfortunately we had a less-than-enjoyable experience during our inprocessing at Yongsan, so we were dreading that a similar fate was waiting for our family during Courageous Channel. We could not have been more wrong! What we encountered was the type of old-school professionalism that gives us faith and hope in the young members of this Army. The soldiers turned what could have easily been a robotic, bureaucratic nightmare into a pleasant and educational training event. Thank you members of the 2ID NEO exercise team! We are very grateful for your service!

Lt. Col. Keith Czelusniak
Yongsan, South Korea

back radical Islamist forces and build Afghan capacity to continue that fight. It's an effort that will require soldiers and civilians, military battles and economic development. Of course it will take more than a year; Gen. David Petraeus, who oversees the military effort, has been entirely candid about that.

What's discouraging is how quickly many Americans seem to forget the peril of half-finishing wars.

Once before this country abandoned the battlefield in central Asia; Osama bin Laden moved into the vacuum. Today, he and like-minded terrorists continue to conspire in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen and elsewhere. Confronted by this unpleasant truth and the difficult challenge it poses, too many politicians lapse into the wishful-thinking school of making policy. We worry that there remains a touch of that in Obama's Iraq timetables and lean defense budget. But for the most part, having accepted the responsibility of keeping America safe, he has recognized that America can't always choose its enemies or its battlefields.

His realism deserves support.

OPINION

Gun show bill takes aim at citizens' rights

By J.R. LABBE

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

There's a practical reason the proposed law requiring private gun owners to conduct background checks on potential buyers at a gun show is unworkable.

Only federally licensed firearm dealers have access to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS.

An individual gun owner, who's paid a rental fee to set up a table at a gun show to sell from a personal collection, can't place that call, which is probably why Democratic Sens. Frank Lautenberg, Dianne Feinstein and Jack Reed think that it's a peachy idea to make it part of federal law.

Lautenberg, of New Jersey, recently filed a bill that would "close the gun show loophole" by making a nonlicensed person who wants to sell a gun "use an FFL (Federal Firearms License)" at the gun show to complete the transaction."

"The FFL would be responsible for conducting a Brady check on the purchaser and maintaining records of the transaction," said Lautenberg's news release about the bill, which is supported by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

Question: Who's going to force the FFL holder, who's invested a lot of time and



money to meet the requirements for getting that license, to take time away from his or her business to run a check for the guy at the next booth? Even if one agrees to do it, there will no doubt be a hefty fee for the service.

Say goodbye to private collectors at gun shows.

In this great land of ours, citizens have the right to do what they will with their private property. If you want to sell Grandpa's old .22 squirrel rifle to the next-door neighbor so his kid can plink cans off a fence post at the deer lease, you have every right to do so. Changing the venue of the transaction from your garage to a gun show, or to the want ads in the newspaper, does not negate your right to sell or trade your property.

You think the aforementioned senators care? Their mission is to shut down gun sales, and now they have the bogeyman of Mexican narcotraffickers to bolster their

argument. Lautenberg said last month that by tightening requirements of personal gun sellers at gun shows, law enforcement officials could more closely track firearms and possibly curb the number of weapons used by drug cartels in Mexico.

The oft-repeated statistic — uttered by the likes of President Barack Obama — that "more than 90 percent of the guns recovered in Mexico come from the United States" is not, in fact, what the government's records show. The accurate way to state that is, "More than 90 percent of the guns that Mexican authorities recover in crimes and submit to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for tracing come from the U.S."

According to ATF Special Agent William Newell, Mexico submitted 11,000 guns to the ATF in 2007-08 for tracing. That was less than half of the 29,000 firearms Mexican officials recovered at crime scenes. Of the 11,000 submitted, 6,000 could be traced because of serial numbers or other distinctive markings. Of those, according to the ATF and reported by Fox News, 5,114 or 90 percent were found to have been smuggled from the U.S.

Fox News argues that 5,114 is 17.6 percent of the 29,000 total number of guns recovered in 2007 and 2008.

Of course, Fox News is using squishy logic to assume that the untraceable guns didn't also come from a U.S. source. I

mean, what are the odds?

Neither the Obama administration nor Fox News knows exactly what percentage of guns used in Mexican crime comes from the United States.

But let's be practical. The U.S. is the closest one-stop shop for south-of-the-border criminals, especially because Mexico has some of the gnarliest gun laws on any books (and haven't they worked miracles in reducing crime?), and it's dang near impossible to own a gun there unless you're a cop or in the military. A majority of the guns probably do come from the U.S.

That's a diversion from the real problem.

Columnist Roy Exum of Chattanooga, Tenn., hit the bull's-eye on the real issue. Guns are a sideshow "because we are doing a lousy job of stopping the illicit drugs flowing from Mexico into our country. So maybe by focusing on the firearms that go out of it, we can find a victory somewhere," Exum wrote in the May edition of Gun Week magazine.

The truth is that the feds aren't honest enough to admit their failure in securing the border, nor do they have the will to weed out the small percentage of people with bad intent who frequent gun shows. It's much easier to just restrict the rights of everyone.

Jill "J.R." Labbe is editorial director of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

We grill ourselves on food choices, then go to KFC

By STEVE ALMOND

When Kentucky Fried Chicken announced several weeks ago that it would be introducing grilled chicken, urging customers to "unthink KFC" — and forget what the "F" stands for — I felt a thrill that was both involuntary and deeply embarrassing.

I had become a devotee of Kentucky Fried back in the '80s when I was a latchkey teen with an iron stomach. The Colonel's recipe made up an estimated 70 percent of my caloric intake. But over the next two decades, my digestive tolerance plummeted, my cholesterol levels spiked, and I cut back. The last time I partook of KFC was in graduate school during an epic binge. My friend John and I ordered the 10-piece dinner, then managed to sweet-talk another half dozen pieces from the bored cashier. An hour later, bloated from the salt and cramping from all the fat, I swore off the stuff.

Why, then, did the Colonel's new, healthier product so entice me?

Because I have a serious weakness for grilled anything...

As it turns out, I wasn't alone in my curiosity about KFC grilled chicken. Thanks to a coupon for a free two-piece lunch proffered by Oprah Winfrey on her Web site and promoted on her show earlier this month, franchises across the country found themselves overrun by poultry-mad hordes. Apparently the company underestimated both the power of Oprah's endorsement and the allure of a free lunch during hard times. Consumers downloaded more than 10 million coupons, forcing the chain to pull the plug after serving just four million gratis meals.

Chief executive Roger Eaton appeared on Oprah a few days later to apologize for the fiasco. But his "apology" was more celebratory than contrite. ... After all, the whole point of the coupon was to garner attention for the biggest product launch in company history. Mission accomplished.

But Eaton's real agenda, I suspect, is far more nefarious. Like every other fast-food CEO, he faces a fundamental challenge in

this era of nutritional awareness: how to get folks to eat food that is often astonishingly bad for them.

One popular strategy is to target populations — kids, teens and the poor in particular — who tend to ignore nutritional warnings. Thus the massive migration of fast-food franchises onto high school and college campuses.

What's more, virtually every fast-food chain has used the economic downturn to drum up sales with dollar menus and other special discounts.

But fast-food executives have also found ways to exploit consumer anxieties over nutrition, by introducing allegedly "healthy" menu options.

These items serve two crucial functions. First, they attract a segment of the population that otherwise might never set foot in a fast-food restaurant. My friend Billy, for instance, is able to convince his vegetarian wife to visit McDonald's because salads and yogurt parfaits are on the menu.

Second, these "healthy" options wind up allowing consumers to feel OK about frequenting what amount to dietary houses of sin. After all, the barrier to purchase when it comes to fast food isn't cost, convenience or taste. It's guilt.

And fast-food executives are well aware of this psychological dynamic. It's their job, basically, to draw customers who want to gorge themselves but know that they shouldn't. I myself have played this game plenty of times. If I get the Diet Coke and the side salad, I'll have "earned" the large fries.

What's more remarkable is that the very presence of healthy items on a fast-food menu can induce consumers to feel better about ordering a high-fat alternative.

A recent study of fast-food eating habits revealed an effect known as "vicarious goal fulfillment." This means that the simple act of considering a healthy item makes people feel justified in ordering the high-fat option. Even more astonishing is the fact that the pattern is more pronounced among eaters who normally exhibit high levels of self-control....

Which brings us back to the KFC grilled chicken that, inevitably, I sampled a few days ago. The crowds had thinned by the time I showed up, but promotional banners emblazoned with sumptuous-looking grilled drumsticks were still flapping overhead.

I hope it will not come as a shock to learn that KFC's "grilling" process involves

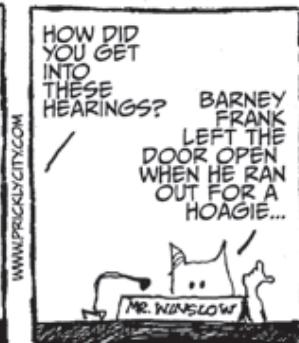
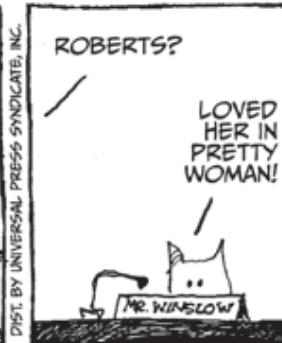
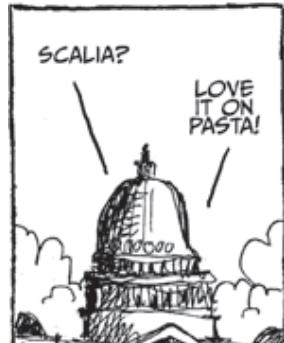
no actual flames. Instead, the pieces are baked in a convection oven and imprinted with faux grill marks. The chicken itself tastes a lot like the rotisserie you can buy in supermarkets. But it is certainly true that KFC grilled offers a dramatic caloric improvement over the chain's Original Recipe....

The problem is that when it came time to order our food, both my wife and I, rather predictably, fell victim to "vicarious goal fulfillment." I gave myself permission to order two sides, mashed potatoes with gravy and macaroni and cheese. My wife insisted that I get one Original Recipe piece for her. (It seems those 11 herbs and spices have sentimental value. She and her girlfriends used to eat KFC to ease the pain of breakups.) In the end, our meals tipped the scales at more than 800 calories each....

KFC's grilled chicken may go on to be a rip-roaring success. But like every "healthy" option dangled by fast-food chains, it's ultimately a gimmick. The Colonel couldn't care less whether you lose weight, as long as you keep fattening his wallet.

Steve Almond is the author, most recently, of the essay collection "Not That You Asked." This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

Mainers still whitest, oldest

ME BANGOR — Maine remains the nation's whitest state with the oldest population.

The Bangor Daily News says updated census figures show that 95.3 percent of the state's population is white, compared to the national figure of 66 percent.

Figures also show the median age in Maine, already the oldest state, is growing. The number of Mainers who are 45 and older is increasing as the number of those under 18 declines.

Pair taken into custody at White House gate

DC WASHINGTON — Two people facing deportation from the United States have been taken into custody at the White House gate. They had arrived for a tour of the executive mansion.

The pair was part of an adult education program, and a routine background check showed they had an outstanding immigration order against them.

White House spokesman Nick Shapiro says they were taken into custody before they entered the compound.

All White House visitors are required to undergo a U.S. Secret Service background check. Shapiro says agents discovered the problems and informed immigration officials, according to protocol.

Police officer gets new welcome sign for soldier

TX ROSENBERG — The patriotic welcome for a Texas soldier included a police officer providing a sign to replace one stolen from a relative's yard.

Sgt. David Cantu arrived home on leave from Kuwait, and his mother-in-law in Rosenberg adorned her yard with U.S. flags and a welcome home sign with Cantu's name on it.

But Mary Valdez said she was "wounded" to discover the flags and sign were gone.

Police spokeswoman Lynn Mumford says Officer Danielle Delgado did the theft report, then got a new sign for Cantu.

Mumford praised Delgado, who wasn't available to be interviewed, for the "generous act."

Cantu says "a hug and a thank you" was a good enough welcome home for him.

Man dies after jumping in front of N.Y. train

NY POUGHKEEPSIE — Authorities say a man who jumped in front of an Amtrak train in the Hudson Valley has died.

They say the engineer of a southbound train saw the man jump out of the brush alongside Metro-North Railroad's tracks just south of Poughkeepsie.

His name hasn't been released.

Metro-North service between Poughkeepsie and the nearby New Hamburg station was halted for more than three hours as Metropolitan Transportation Authority police investigated.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Mass. college drops Crusaders nickname

MA QUINCY — A Massachusetts Christian college has dropped its Crusaders sports team nickname because of the word's "negative connotation."

Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy announced that its athletic teams will now be known as the Lions.

College President Corlis McGee said the former nickname was once seen in a more positive light, "but Crusader no longer represented the positive message of Christian love we aim to share with the world."

Utah companies sue over revoked leases

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Three drilling companies and officials in three Utah counties have filed lawsuits over Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's decision to revoke oil and gas leases auctioned off during President George W. Bush's administration.

Carbon, Duchesne and Uintah counties filed suit in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City, saying that they could lose thousands or millions of dollars in oil-and-gas royalties from Salazar's decision to rescind 77 of the leases.

Lawyers for Questar Exploration & Production Co., Impact Energy Resources LLC and Peak Roy-



Time to dance

NY PETERSBURG — The Leikarring Dancers move to some Norwegian dance music during the Little Norway Festival in Petersburg, Ala. The festival pageant is part of the town's celebration of the 17th of May Norwegian Constitution Day.

alty Holdings LLC of Heber City also filed a separate lawsuit that day.

Salazar in February voided the leases auctioned off in December because they were too close to Utah's redrock parks, he said. But lawyers for the drillers contend Salazar was misled about the proximity of the parcels to Arches and Canyonlands national parks and Dinosaur National Monument.

Truck driver questioned in dragging death

TX DALLAS — New evidence shows a gravel truck driver may have accidentally run over a black man on an East Texas country road, an attorney for one of the two white men accused of murder in the racially charged case said.

The trucker provided a sworn videotaped statement acknowledging that he might have accidentally run down 24-year-old Brandon McClelland in September, defense attorney Ben Massar said.

According to Massar, the driver said he was on the same road around the time of McClelland's death and remembers striking something. He said the driver pulled over several miles later to check his tires for a blowout. In his statement, the driver said plastic flowers left as a memorial at the site where McClelland's body was found is near where he recalls hitting something, Massar said.

Skydiver stuck in tree for more than 2 hours

NH CONCORD — Most of the 13,000-foot descent for New Hampshire skydiver Audrey Rose was a breeze. The problem was that last 70 feet — a tree got in the way, leaving her dangling for about 2½ hours.

Rose told WMUR she deployed her parachute at 3,000 feet. She realized she was in trouble at 1,000 feet when the wind blew her away from the landing zone in Pepperell, Mass.

She landed in the tree, unscathed — but in need of help.

Fellow skydivers ran to find the Nashua mother of three. A tree climber scaled the tree and cut back branches before lowering Rose on a rope safely to the ground.

Rose has completed more than 70 jumps over the past three years — and plans to venture out again.

Man survives shark attack while fishing

FL MIAMI — His blood tinting the water red, Luis Hernandez didn't know if he'd made it as a 7-foot bull shark tore into his right forearm.

Hernandez, 48, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., had been spearfishing off the Exuma Islands in the Bahamas last week when the shark attacked.

"It felt as though a torpedo hit my body," he said.

But Hernandez wasn't alone. Watching from their rented fishing boat, his wife, Marlene Hernandez, 46, lifted the anchor and pulled her husband out of the waters once the shark let go. She then crafted a tourniquet and got the boat back to land, the family said.



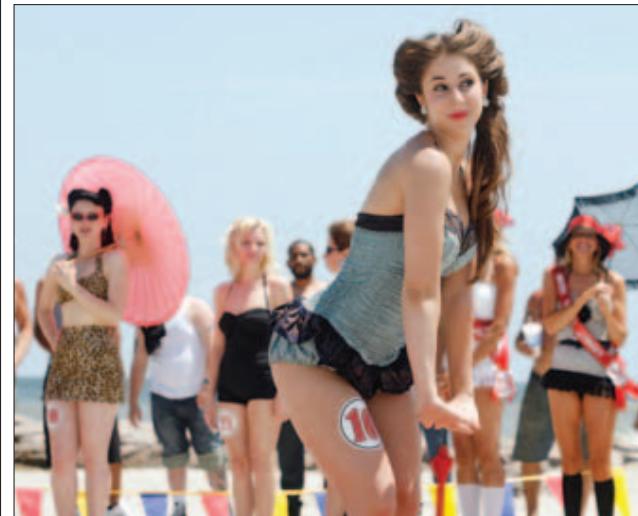
To the extreme

Tyler Weaver, 13, from Denver, competes in the extreme weapons division of the Gator Nationals World Karate Championships at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.



We have liftoff

A rocket takes flight in Sheboygan, Wis., as spectators crowd the lakefront during the 13th annual Rockets for Schools.



Old school

Secelia Garrett-King of Galveston competes before judges during the vintage-inspired swim wear contest at the Galveston Island Beach Revue in Galveston, Texas.



'Get me off this ride'

Ariohnna Clark, 10, from left, Khatazia Buckner, 11, and Treveon Quarles, 11, scream as they ride a scrambler carnival amusement ride at the annual Little River Days event in Hopkinsville, Ky. "Get me off of this ride," Buckner screamed as the attraction spun faster and faster.

Survivors of shipwreck brought on shore

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — The 11 migrants who survived the capsizing of an overloaded boat were brought ashore and into custody after two days on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

The survivors were transferred to U.S. Border Patrol and will be processed for "expedited removal," said Assistant Chief Victor Colon of the Miami Sector Border Patrol.

The 11 were part of an ill-fated voyage of possibly more than 30 people, mostly Haitians, who left Bimini together. Their boat capsized in the early morning, but the first survivors were not found until at least 11 hours later off Boynton Beach, Fla. The boat likely was part of a human smuggling operation, officials have said.

Md. shelters, pilots join to fly puppies to safety

MD WESTMINSTER — Diggs, a retriever mix, was able to relax in his back seat on board Michele McGuire's Cessna 172 Skyhawk.

Diggs was one of 48 dogs rescued recently as part of The Great Escape II. It was set up by Animal Rescue Flights, and is a collaboration of shelters and pilots to save the lives of death-row dogs.

Volunteer pilots like McGuire of Westminster make the operation feasible. Because they love animals and flying, the pilots take on gusting winds and part with countless dollars to find the puppies a happy home.

Since September, she's been flying dogs rescued from shelters that put down unwanted pets.

"I hope Diggs has a happy home," she said. "And it's a shame we can't rescue more, too, because they're all lovable dogs."

Hospital deciding fate of Virgin Mary window

MA SPRINGFIELD — A Massachusetts hospital is trying to figure out what to do with a window in which some Catholics claim to see an image of the Virgin Mary.

Hundreds of faithful gathered last October to view the second-story office window at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, about 80 miles west of Boston. They wept and prayed.

The Catholic hospital removed the window after the crush of visitors caused traffic problems. It's storing the window at a secret location.

Hospital spokesman Mark Fulco tells The Republican newspaper of Springfield he's waiting for a report from experts to determine if the window is worthy of veneration.

Engineers say the image appeared when a failed rubber seal allowed mineral deposits between panes of glass.

Teen accused of trying to rob store with banana

NC WINSTON-SALEM — Authorities say a North Carolina teen who was thwarted trying to rob a store with a banana ate it before they could arrive.

Winston-Salem authorities say 17-year-old John Szwalla held the banana under his shirt when he

entered the store, saying he had a gun and demanded money.

Owner Bobby Ray Mabe says he and a customer jumped Szwalla, holding him until deputies arrived. While they waited, Mabe said the teen ate the banana.

Szwalla faces a charge of attempted armed robbery.

DA: Wis. girl's diabetic death was 'needless'

WI WAUSAU — Prosecutors in the homicide trial of a Wisconsin mother accused of praying instead of seeking medical attention for her diabetic daughter say the girl suffered and died needlessly.

Assistant District Attorney LaMont Jacobson said in opening statements that the case isn't about religion, but about 11-year-old Madeline Neumann's "needless suffering and death."

Authorities say 41-year-old Leilani Neumann and her husband Dale believed the girl's illness was a "test of faith." They're charged with second-degree reckless homicide in the 2008 death.

An autopsy found Madeline died from undiagnosed diabetes, which meant she had too little insulin.

4 men charged after moonshine busts

VA RICHMOND — A Chesapeake man and three North Carolina men have been charged in connection with alleged moonshining activities, including transporting illegal whiskey from North Carolina into Virginia.

The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control said 57-year-old Larry Parker of Chesapeake faces 12 charges of sale of alcoholic beverages without a license, possessing and transporting untaxed whiskey and maintaining a common nuisance. Agents seized one vehicle and several containers of "moonshine" during the arrest. An ABC spokeswoman said Parker was released on his own recognizance.

In North Carolina, agents arrested three people in Northampton County who face a total of 11 charges.

Former cop convicted of hiring hitmen to kill wife

TX HOUSTON — A former suburban Houston police officer was found guilty of capital murder for hiring two hitmen to kill his estranged wife 15 years ago.

A jury returned a guilty verdict in the retrial of 52-year-old Robert Fratta, who prosecutors said was motivated by money and bitter custody battle. Fratta now will again face the death penalty.

It was the second time Fratta has been convicted of the 1994 murder of Farah Fratta. The former Missouri City police officer was originally convicted of the crime in 1996 and sentenced to death but was granted a retrial after the jailhouse confessions of his co-conspirators were ruled inadmissible.

Farah Fratta, 33, was found dead in the garage of her home in November 1994, shot twice in the head.

Stories and photos from wire services



On the road again

A man who identifies himself as "Lee the Horse Logger" heads north toward Cheyenne, Wyo., to pick up three additional horses before heading west to California while continuing his journey around the U.S. for "the grins and giggles, the fun of it and, just because." He started his wanderings from Montana in 2006.



Clean getaway

Hot Springs Convention Center's team, left, and the Quapaw Baths and Spa's team race down Central Avenue during the fourth annual Steuart Pennington Running of the Tubs in Hot Springs, Ark.

Horoscope

The sun bursts into Gemini, beginning a cycle of communication, the sharing of bright ideas and the dawning of new trends. The emphasis quickly changes. Yesterday, you were taking care of business, and today, you're getting down to fun. You'll learn through socializing and you'll also further work-related interests in leisurely venues.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 20)

You've an unexpected way about you this year, which others find magical and charming. An offbeat idea of yours becomes a project and takes on a life of its own. Sometimes even you are not sure if you believe in it enough but follow through. Your faith grows with action. There is glory in June and September. Capricorn and Pisces adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

It's hard to think straight when you've got 10 things going on at once. You might spill a secret without meaning to or make a silly logistical mistake. So calm down and leave a few of those tasks for later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The very task you've been putting off all week will now have tremendous appeal. Maybe you just want to get it over with, or maybe it seems like suddenly a lot of fun. Either way, you'll get it off your plate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Sharing is caring, and so is not sharing. There isn't a cut and dried answer for how much you should give now because you are likely experiencing your own personal deficit for attention. Take care of yourself first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You may feel yourself blending into the background, and that's not a bad place to be. Put on your cloak of invisibility and observe the dynamics of your surroundings. New opportunities will become apparent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Someone else may be more adept at net-

working or have a nepotistic edge, but you still have the advantage of having worked hard at what you do. In the end, the one who put in the most man-hours will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even if you're not exactly thrilled with your current position, you're happy to do the best job you can. Once you put in your hours, you get to go home and do whatever you want — what could be better?

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are feeling playful and what's even better, you effortlessly engage others in your game. You can handle lots of attention today, so let the good energy fly. This is definitely a case of more being merrier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

What is spiritual beauty? You'll be irresistibly drawn to someone who perhaps doesn't fall into your usual pattern of attraction and this feels like a soul connection indeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If you could give everyone on the planet a great big hug today, you would. One person at a time will do some good in the world, too. When you're not sure how much affection to show, err on the side of generosity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your imagination is going strong. You probably won't be dreaming up new twists for the novel you'll someday write, but when it comes to romance, you've a plethora of fantastic ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Pursue a mystery. A baffling situation will be delightfully absorbing for you. Solving a puzzle brings on a rush of satisfied feelings. Stress and the so-called real world will fade away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have work to do, and there's no time to spare. Time wasters are tempting. In order to stay the course, you might have to turn off your Internet access or not answer the phone for a Chatty Kathy.

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SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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Puzzles

Cartoons

Baby Blues

Jungle Jim

Pete & Penny

Letter to the Editor



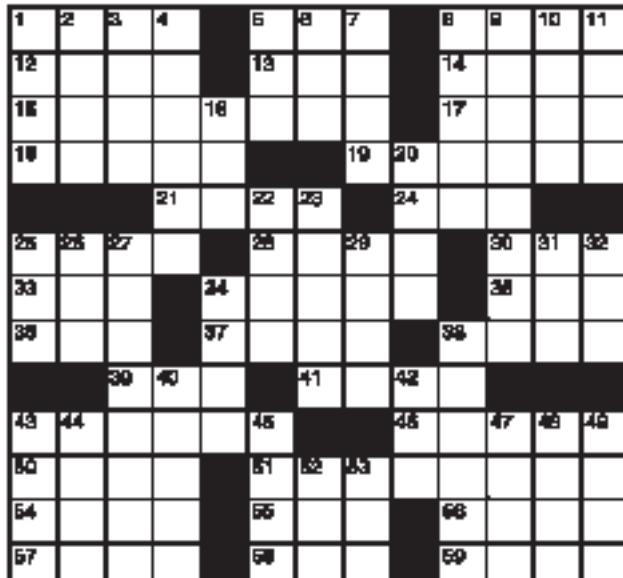
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Bottleneck kin
- 5 Winter garment
- 8 Reed instrument
- 12 Lummock
- 13 — -spier
- 14 Industrial region of Germany
- 18 Household encrusted
- 17 Actress Argento
- 19 Old photo shade
- 21 Copies
- 22 Skin abnormality
- 24 Vest expense
- 25 North American peninsula, for short
- 26 Pepples, now
- 28 Prized possession
- 29 Ostrich's cousin
- 30 Pizza dough
- 31 Ms. Thurman
- 32 USC audience
- 37 For fear that
- 38 Call a halt to
- 39 Skater Babbitts
- 41 Race-track "helper"
- 43 Not digital, as a watch
- 45 Expire, as a subscription
- 50 Mongolian desert
- 51 U.S. state where industry once thrived
- 54 Tim —
- 55 Oleg's slayer

DOWN

- 56 Slender
- 57 Assess
- 58 Chesapeake, e.g.
- 59 Exit Isle
- 60 — everything
- 62 Paddock page
- 63 Have faith in
- 65 Plead
- 66 Persian pal
- 67 Very slightly
- 68 Regarding
- 69 Comic Philips
- 70 Charl
- 74 Advertising band
- 78 Not wobbly
- 79 Breathing
- 82 Last (Abbr.)
- 83 Culture medium
- 84 PBG science show
- 85 Snatch
- 87 Rival
- 88 Thick chunk
- 89 Sicilian sputter
- 92 — Today
- 93 Agent

Answer to Previous Puzzle



3-20

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: SINCE I'M GOOD AT MAKING UNYIELDINGLY INSISTENT PEOPLE LAUGH, THEY SAY I'M A STICKLER TICKLER.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: Y equals T

Mom's great, but not in kitchen

DEAR ABBY: My mother is a wonderful person but is one of the world's worst cooks. She'll see a recipe that looks tasty, but if she doesn't have all the ingredients, she will make substitutions. If the recipe calls for uncooked shrimp, she might replace it with canned tuna. If she doesn't have bleu cheese on hand, she will use imitation cheese spread instead.

I have tried to offer her a few important guidelines. First and foremost, be sure to have all the necessary ingredients on hand before beginning to prepare a new recipe. Understand the basic techniques — dice, shred, simmer, stir-fry. Use the recommended cooking temperatures. If the recipe says "sauté," do not fry it until it's like shoe leather. Follow the proper cooking time. Fish should not be baked for 90 minutes!

Mom may not appreciate the

suggestion of cooking classes, and I know about your cookbooks. I wonder if they are simple enough for Mom to follow. What do you think?

Dyspepsia In Denver

Dear Dyspepsia: My recipes are — for the most part — very simple, easy to read and, frankly, delicious. They were collected by two of the most voracious eaters in recent history — my mother and me.

Allow me to share a simple salad recipe with you. Perhaps you and your mother will enjoy making it together. It is chilled and ideal for a warm summer evening.

ABBY'S TOMATO SALAD
12 medium tomatoes, diced (about 8 cups)
2 large red onions, diced (about 3 cups)
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon finely chopped sweet pickles
1 cup rice vinegar

Dear Abby



10 to 12 lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, combine the first four ingredients. Cover and chill several hours or overnight. Using a slotted spoon, portion salad on individual lettuce leaves, allowing 3/4 to 1 cup per serving for a first-course salad.

Serves 10 to 12.

My cookbook set contains more than 100 recipes that can be used when families get together to celebrate holidays and other special occasions. My mother often used them when she entertained and so have I. They are time-tested and not complicated.

The booklets can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbook Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SEBOE



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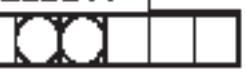
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THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME

by Mike Aguirre and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE BRIDE DID AT THE MAKEUP TABLE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the simple answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: GHE

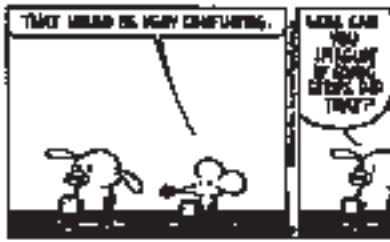


Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumble

Answer: MAJOR CHANT FOURTH 6 PRICE
When the skin doctor opened his practice, he started — FROM SCRATCH

Speed Bump



LOS SORRISOS SUPERMAN
14700 HER KRYPTONIC ENERGY

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Curse of the Coffin"	Johnny and the Sprites	Movie "An Affair to Remember" (1957, Romance)	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	(8:00) Sports
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	JoJo's Circus	Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning.	Hannity	State Dept Briefing	Living Single			
10:00		Peep-Big World			Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Curious George				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	JoJo's Circus	(:10) Movie "Guarding Tess" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine, Nicolas Cage, Austin Pendleton.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Week-Pentagon	E! News		
11:30		Johnny and the Sprites		Special Report With Bret Baier	Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10	Inside the NBA	
12:00	CBS Evening News	Super Why!	Shirley MacLaine, Nicolas Cage, Austin Pendleton.	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "What Are Little Girls Made Of?"		ESPN News	
12:30	ESPN News	Go, Diego, Go!		Judge Judy	Around the Services				
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "Marry Reilly" (1996, Drama) Julia Roberts, John Malkovich, George Cole.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Reba	NBA Fastbreak	
13:30		Bear in House			Downrange		Girlfriends	(:20) Baseball Tonight	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	
14:30	World News-Gibson		(:45) Movie "Snow Falling on Cedars" (1999, Historical Drama) Ethan Hawke, James Cromwell. A reporter covers a murder trial.		Exchange on Air				Sports
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos		The Rachel Maddow Show	Fit For Duty	Design Remix		SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals			Battleground	Curb Appeal			
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Today's Air Force	Ice Road Truckers "Edge of the Earth"	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley	Recon				X Play
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		Futurama "Futurestock"
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Maltin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		The Simpsons
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Family Guy
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report	NBA Fastbreak	(6:50) Baseball Tonight
19:00	Access Hollywood	iCarly	Movie "Date Movie" (2006)	Heroes "Building 26"	Briefing Encore		Dancing With the Stars		WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30	Judge Judy	Naturally, Sadie	Allyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell, Fred Willard.	Fit For Duty					
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Summerland "And So the Day Begins" (Part 2 of 2)		Today	Everybody Hates Chris	Battleground	24 "Day 7: 6:00AM - 7:00AM; Day 7: 7:00AM - 8:00AM" Jack reaches his breaking point.		
20:30	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris			The Office	Recon Revisited		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
21:00		The Cosby Show			Today	Bones "Double Trouble in the Panhandle"	Around the Services		
21:30						Pacific Report	Seinfeld		Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	USARJ This Week	Friends		
22:30		Strange Days				The Corps Report	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	MLB Baseball: Twins at Yankees	Attack of the Show!
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Ready or Not"				Late Show-Letterman	The Colbert Report		
23:30						Downrange			

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Taped)	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Stargate SG-1 "Dominion"		Futurama "Futurestock"
1:00	Headline News	iCarly	(:15) Movie "The Hard Way" (1991) Michael J. Fox, James Woods. An actor latches onto a policeman to prepare for a film.	Happening Now	Balad and Beyond	Around the Services			The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Naturally, Sadie			Judge Judy	Downrange	Las Vegas "Adventures in the Skin Trade"		Family Guy Meg's first kiss.
2:00	Heroes Sylar and Luke take a road trip to find Sylar's father.	Summerland "And So the Day Begins" (Part 2 of 2)		Newsroom	CSI: Miami A man is decapitated while performing a stunt.	Today's Air Force		SportsCenter	WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30					MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Unit "Two Coins"		
3:00	Everybody Hates Chris	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "Date Movie" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell.		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Recon Revisited			
3:30	The Office	The Cosby Show				State Dept Briefing			
4:00	Bones A shallow grave holds the remains of conjoined twins.	Degrassi: Next Generation	(:40) Movie "The Mummy Returns" (2001) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. Two evil forces pursue the son of adventurer Rick O'Connell.			Battleground	Seinfeld	ESPN News	
4:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies			The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Army Newswatch	NFL Live	Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends				Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Jim Rome Is Burning	
6:00	Sesame Street				Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Around the Horn	Attack of the Show!
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman					Around the Services	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00	Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob				Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	FRTV's Diet Doctor	
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Blue's Clues	Maltin's Secret's Out			The Grill Sergeants			MTV Hits Playlist
8:00		Dora the Explorer				Final Score	Army Newswatch		
8:30	Judge Judy	Handy Manny	What It Takes			Headline News	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	
9:00	CSI: Miami A man is decapitated while performing a stunt.	Backyardigans	Entertainment Tonight				This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	
9:30	Miss Spider's Sunny Patch	Backyardigans	Movie "Ghost World" (2001) Thora Birch, Scarlett Johansson. A caustic teen's soulmate is a middle-aged record collector.					Jim Rome Is Burning	
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World							
10:30		Curious George							
11:00	Dr. Phil	Miss Spider's Sunny Patch	(:05) Movie "It Could Happen to You" (1994) Nicolas Cage, Rosie Perez.						
11:30			Nicolas Cage, Rosie Perez. A patrolman and a waitress split a lottery jackpot.						
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny							
12:30	ESPN News	Dora the Explorer							
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues							
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House							
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street							
14:30	World News-Gibson								
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Absence of Malice" (1981) Paul Newman. A misled Miami newswoman libels a gangster's honest son.						
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals							
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon							
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell							
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies						
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Studios.com						
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes						
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight						
19:00	Access Hollywood	Wizards of Waverly Place	Movie "Catch and Release" (2007) Jennifer Garner, Sam Jaeger. A woman copes with the aftermath of her fiance's death.						
19:30	Judge Judy	Kenan & Kel							
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "Pryor Knowledge"							
20:30	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris	(:05) Movie "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon. A teen hires a cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend.						
21:00		The Cosby Show							
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "A New Life"	Movie "Dance With Me" (1998, Drama) Vanessa L. Williams.						
23:30									



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Indianapolis 500

Drama at Indy for Andretti, Hunter-Reay

Drivers earn spots in 33-car field during last 10 minutes of qualifying

BY MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — John Andretti and Ryan Hunter-Reay provided the drama Sunday, saving their best efforts for the final 10 minutes at the end of four days of qualifying for the Indianapolis 500.

Both wound up in the 33-car field for next Sunday's race, thanks to their gutsy qualifying runs with time running out on another emotional "Bump Day" on the famed 2½-mile Brickyard oval.

"I'm glad the race isn't tomorrow," said Andretti, who didn't wrap up his 10th Indy start until his third and final qualifying attempt of the day. "I couldn't do it. I don't think I could get in the car. I'm physically, mentally, just totally exhausted."

"I just can't even believe it. I know that I'll wake up in the middle of the night and realize I'm back in the Indy 500."

Andretti and Hunter-Reay, whose successful qualifying effort was under way as the gun went off ending the six-hour final session of time trials, both had to find more speed after being bumped out of the lineup earlier in the day.

Hunter-Reay said he just considered himself lucky to make the race after bumping Indy rookie Alex Tagliani out with the Canadian driver sitting in his car, waiting and hoping to get one more chance.

"That was a timing issue there," Hunter-Reay said. "I think Tagliani was pretty fast and we were lucky we went out last. I've never been so happy to take last place."

The day began with 1996 race winner Buddy Lazier, 2002 pole-winner Bruno Junqueira and Indy rookie Stanton Barrett the only drivers with a chance to bump their way into the field. In the end, only Junqueira made it,



DARRON CUMMINGS, ABOVE,
AND TOM STRICKLAND, LEFT/AP



Above: John Andretti celebrates after bumping himself into the field Sunday during the closing minutes on the final day of qualifications for the Indy 500. Left: Ryan Hunter-Reay, left, is congratulated by Tony George, car owner and owner of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, after he earned a spot in the field.

turning a solid four-lap average of 221.115 mph despite not running a lap in his car until Sunday morning.

That bumped Andretti's Saturday speed of 219.442 out of the field.

The day began with five drivers qualified under 220 and most of the qualifying efforts Sunday came from those drivers, trying to go faster and get themselves out of danger of being bumped.

Tomas Scheckter (221.496), rookie Mike Conway (221.417),

E.J. Viso (221.164), Milka Duno (221.106) and rookie Nelson Philippe (220.754) each withdrew an earlier qualifying speed and improved upon it.

Andretti, whose car was entered here by NASCAR icon Richard Petty and fielded by Dreyer & Reinbold, tried to bump his way back in with about two hours to go, but waved off the effort after one lap at 218.

Lazier and Barrett, who had been working hard throughout the afternoon to find more speed in practice, then made their final qualifying tries and both came off the track after one slow lap under the green flag, knowing they weren't going to get it done.

By that time, Andretti's team had made some quick adjustments on his Petty blue and red No. 43 and he was ready to make one last try.

This time, he put up four straight laps over 221 mph for an average of 221.316 that placed him 28th in the field and bumped out the 220.413 that Hunter-Reay had posted earlier in the day.

As Andretti drove slowly back to the pits, Hunter-Reay was ready to try again. He drove onto the track with just two minutes until the gun and knowing he had to beat Tagliani's 220.553 from Saturday or go home.

"It wasn't much fun," Hunter-Reay said after barely making it with four laps over 220 and a 220.597 average — just 0.044 seconds quicker than Tagliani over 10 miles. "That was the hairiest day I've ever had in racing."

Hours after qualifying ended, Conquest Racing owner Eric Bachelart announced that Tagliani would replace Junqueira in the team's primary car for the race.

The field, from pole-winner Helio Castroneves to Hunter-Reay, was separated in time by a record 3.0967 seconds. The previous record was 3.2422 seconds in 2001.

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Wednesday

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AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 1, Denver at L.A. Lakers.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: San Francisco at San Diego.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 2, Chicago at Detroit.

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 1, Denver at L.A. Lakers (did).

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis.

Thursday

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at Cincinnati.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 1, Orlando at Cleveland.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis (did).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 1, Orlando at Cleveland (did).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (did) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

College lacrosse

NCAA Men's Division I championship

Quarterfinals

Saturday, May 16

At Hempstead, N.Y.

Syracuse 11, Maryland 6

Cornell 6, Princeton 4

Sunday, May 17

At Annapolis, Md.

Virginia 19, Johns Hopkins 8

Duke 12, North Carolina 11

At Gillette Stadium

Foxborough, Mass.

Semifinals

Saturday, May 23

Syracuse (14-2) vs. Duke (15-3)

Virginia (15-2) vs. Cornell (12-3)

Championship

Monday, May 25

Semifinal winners

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

Western Conference

Chicago 3, 0, 6, 15, 16, 11

D.C. United 3, 1, 6, 15, 17, 15

Kansas City 4, 4, 2, 14, 14, 12

Toronto FC 3, 3, 4, 13, 13, 15

New England 2, 2, 4, 10, 7, 13

New York 2, 5, 3, 9, 10, 12

Columbus 1, 2, 6, 9, 12, 15

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago 2, Toronto FC 0

New England 1, Colorado 1, tie

New York 1, Houston 1, tie

FC Dallas 1, Seattle FC 1, tie

Kansas City 2, Real Salt Lake 0

Chivas USA 2, D.C. United 2, tie

Sunday's games

Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 1, tie

Saturday, May 23

New England at Toronto FC

Real Salt Lake at D.C. United

CD Chivas USA at Kansas City

Los Angeles at FC Dallas

San Jose at Houston

Seattle FC at Colorado

Sunday, May 24

Chicago at New York

Sunday

Crew 1, Galaxy 1

Columbus 0, 1-1

Los Angeles 0, 1-1

Second half—1, Columbus, Barros Schelotto 5, 71st minute, 2, Los Angeles, Lewis 1, 46th+.

Goalies: Columbus, Andy Gruenbaum; Los Angeles, Donovan Ricketts. A—16,649 (27,000)

AP sportlight

May 20

1919 — Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox wins a game on the mound and at the plate as he hits his first career grand slam to beat the St. Louis Browns 6-4.

1941 — Ten days after his Preakness victory, Whirlaway races against older horses for the first time and defeats four rivals in the Henry of Navarre Purse at Belmont Park in New York.

College softball

NCAA Division I regionals

Double Elimination Gainesville (Fla.) Regional Friday, May 15

Texas A&M 1, Lehigh 0

Florida 12, Florida A&M 0, 5 innings

Saturday, May 16

Florida 7, Texas A&M 1

Lehigh 9, Florida A&M 0, 5 innings

Florida 3, Texas A&M 2, Texas A&M eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Florida 9, Lehigh 0, Florida advances

Tallahassee (Fla.) Regional Friday, May 15

California 8, Mississippi State 3

Oklahoma State 1, Florida State 0

Saturday, May 16

California 2, Oklahoma State 0

Florida State 5, Mississippi State 0

Mississippi State eliminated

Sunday, May 17

California 2, Oklahoma State 1, Cal advances

Louisville (Ky.) Regional Friday, May 15

Arizona 9, Tenn.-Martin 3

Louisville 4, Purdue 1

Saturday, May 16

Arizona 18, Louisville 4, 5 innings

Purdue 6, Tenn.-Martin 2, Tenn.-Martin eliminated

Purdue 5, Louisville 4, Louisville eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Arizona 4, Purdue 0, Arizona advances

Stanford (Calif.) Regional Friday, May 15

Stanford 4, Cal Poly 1

Stanford 10, Portland State 3

Saturday, May 16

Stanford 9, Nevada 1, 5 innings

Cal Poly 5, Portland State 0, Portland State eliminated

Cal Poly 6, Nevada 1, Nevada eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Stanford 4, Cal Poly 0, Stanford advances

Ann Arbor (Mich.) Regional Friday, May 15

Notre Dame 3, Cleveland State 1

Saturday, May 16

Michigan 11, Miami (Ohio) 3

Michigan 11, Notre Dame 1

Michigan (Ohio) 5, Cleveland State 4

Cleveland State eliminated

Notre Dame 5, Miami (Ohio) 3, Miami (Ohio) eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Michigan 4, Notre Dame 0, Michigan advances

Waco (Texas) Regional Friday, May 15

Texas State 8, Northwestern 0

Baylor 2, Louisiana-Lafayette 1

Saturday, May 16

Baylor 7, Texas State 4

Louisiana-Lafayette 3, Northwestern 2

Northwestern eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Louisiana-Lafayette 5, Texas State 0, Texas State eliminated

Baylor 6, Louisiana-Lafayette 1, Baylor advances

Knoxville (Tenn.) Regional Friday, May 15

Nebraska 4, Jacksonville State 2, 9 innings

Tennessee 4, James Madison 3

Saturday, May 16

Tennessee 5, Nebraska 2

Jacksonville State 6, James Madison 0, James Madison eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Jacksonville State 4, Nebraska 1, Nebraska eliminated

Jacksonville State 6, Tennessee 1

Jacksonville State 2, Tennessee 1, Jacksonville State advances

Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Regional Friday, May 15

Texas 1, Chattanooga 0

Alabama 2, MVSU 3

Saturday, May 16

Alabama 10, Texas 1

MVSU 1, Chattanooga 0, Chattanooga eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Texas 4, MVSU 0, MVSU eliminated

Alabama 7, Texas 0, Alabama advances

Amherst (Mass.) Regional Friday, May 15

Washington 9, Sacred Heart 1

Massachusetts 8, Cornell 0

Saturday, May 16

Washington 3, Massachusetts 1

Sacred Heart 3, Cornell 1, Cornell eliminated

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Massachusetts 8, Sacred Heart 0, Sacred Heart eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Massachusetts 5, Washington 1

Washington 6, Massachusetts 15, innnings

Atlanta Regional Friday, May 15

Auburn 1, Iowa 0

Georgia Tech 5, Boston U. 1

Saturday, May 16

Georgia Tech 4, Auburn 1

Boston U. 3, Iowa 0, Iowa eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Boston U. 5, Auburn 0, Auburn eliminated

Georgia Tech 7, Boston U. 2, Georgia Tech advances

Columbus (Ohio) Regional Thursday, May 14

BYU 6, Kentucky 2

Ohio State 3, Canisius 0

Friday, May 15

Ohio State 5, BYU 4, 8 innnings

Kentucky 7, Canisius 0, Canisius eliminated

Kentucky 4, BYU 2, BYU eliminated

Saturday, May 16

Ohio State 7, Kentucky 2, Ohio State advances

Chapel Hill (N.C.) Regional Thursday, May 14

Georgia 3, Radford 1

North Carolina 21, Campbell 2

Friday, May 15

Georgia 6, North Carolina 0

Radford 9, Campbell 5, Campbell eliminated

North Carolina 9, Radford 4, Radford eliminated

Saturday, May 16

Georgia 4, North Carolina 2, Georgia advances

Norman (Okla.) Regional Friday, May 15

Tulsa 6, Arkansas 0

Oklahoma 0, North Dakota State 0, 9 innnings, susp., lightning

Sunday, May 16

North Dakota State 1, Oklahoma 0

Oklahoma 21, Arkansas 2, Arkansas eliminated

Tulsa 5, Oklahoma 3, Oklahoma eliminated

Sunday, May 17

North Dakota State 1, Tulsa 1, N.D. State advances

Tempe (Ariz.) Regional Friday, May 15

LSU 3, Cal State Fullerton 2

Arizona State 5, San Diego State 0

Saturday, May 16

LSU 10, Arizona State 2

Cal State Fullerton 8, San Diego St. 2

Arizona State 7, Cal State Fullerton 0, Cal State Fullerton eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Arizona State 6, LSU 4

Arizona State 5, LSU 0, Arizona State advances

Columbia (Mo.) Regional Friday, May 15

Bradley 1, DePaul 0

Saturday, May 16

Missouri 1, Illinois 1

Missouri 2, Bradley 1

DePaul 6, Illinois 0, Illinois eliminated

DePaul 2, Bradley 1, Bradley eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Missouri 1, Illinois 0, Illinois advances

Los Angeles Regional Friday, May 15

Fresno State 2, UNLV 1

UCLA 4, Long Beach State 2

Saturday, May 16

UCLA 4, Fresno State 1

Long Beach State 3, UNLV 1, 13 innnings, UNLV eliminated

Sunday, May 17

Fresno State 12, Long Beach State 2, Long Beach State eliminated

Monday, May 18

UCLA 9, Fresno State 5, UCLA advances

Super Regionals May 21-24

Florida (58-3) vs. California (38-18)

Arizona (44-14) vs. Stanford (47-9)

Michigan (44-10) vs. Baylor (40-20)

Jacksonville State (42-13) vs. Alabama (50-9)

Washington (45-10) vs. Georgia Tech (44-13)

Ohio State (47-9) vs. Georgia (42-10)

North Dakota State (38-18) vs. Arizona State (44-17)

Missouri (48-9) vs. UCLA (44-9)

WORLD SERIES

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May 28-June 3

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Sunday

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San Antonio, Texas

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(x-won on first playoff hole)

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Slowing Crosby key for 'Canes

Pittsburgh's captain has dominated playoffs thus far

BY ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Staal vs. Staal. The coaches who were somewhere else when the season started. Erik Cole going against the player who broke his neck. The NHL's two best teams down the stretch meeting in the playoffs for the first time.

The subplots are intriguing as the Carolina Hurricanes and Pittsburgh Penguins begin the Eastern Conference finals, a series in which the winner returns to the Stanley Cup finals for at least the second time in four seasons.

For the first time in 35 years, brothers are opposing each other in a conference final — Carolina's Eric Staal and Pittsburgh's Jordan — and Carolina's Paul Maurice and Pittsburgh's Dan Bylsma each could become the first coach since New Jersey's Larry Robinson in 2000 to win the Cup after taking over during the season.

Amid these story lines that will play out over as many as 16 days, the one likely to decide whether the Hurricanes go for a second Stanley Cup title since 2006 or the Penguins reach the finals for the second consecutive season is this:

'Canes vs. Crosby.

Sidney Crosby, the Penguins' 21-year-old kid captain, is dominating the playoffs with 12 goals and 21 points in 13 games, including eight goals and 13 points during a second-round duel with Washington's Alex Ovechkin that is likely to be talked about for the rest of their careers.

"For what he did this series, they should build a monument for him," Capitals rookie goalie Simeon Varlamov said of Crosby.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, top, and coach Dan Bylsma attend practice Sunday at Southpointe in Canonsburg, Pa. The Penguins face Carolina in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals.

They are, sort of. The Penguins' new arena is rising across the street from Mellon Arena. For now, Crosby is carrying his team the way only elite athletes do, and the low-scoring Hurricanes might struggle to survive if they can't find a way to slow him down.

"He seems to crank it up another notch," linemate Bill Guerin said.

The Hurricanes are a fast team but admittedly aren't Crosby-and-Company fast, and Crosby's relentlessness and speed were unnerving at times to the Philadelphia Flyers and Capitals.

"If you sit back against this team, they're just going to tear you apart," Maurice said Sunday.

"So we have to find a way to establish our game."

That game, good enough to produce comeback victories in road Game 7s against third-seeded New Jersey and top-seeded Boston, is to pressure the puck, play tight defense, lean on goalie Cam Ward (6-0 in playoff series) and get just enough goals to win.

That's another worry Carolina has on its mind: Pittsburgh is averaging 3.46 goals to the Hurricanes' 2.36, and Carolina leading scorer Staal has only one more point (13) than Crosby has goals.

Crosby is playing so well, it's reminiscent of Mario Lemieux scoring 16 goals each spring during the Penguins' Stanley Cup runs in 1991 and 1992.

"I don't think I've changed a whole lot," Crosby said. "I've tried to improve my game a little bit and make sure I was better."

Perhaps this best measures Crosby's impact: The previous 11 losers in the Stanley Cup finals won a single playoff round among them the following season. The Penguins have already won two rounds.

Pittsburgh surged by going 18-3-4 after Bylsma replaced Michel Therrien in mid-February, while the 'Canes — whose coaching change came in December — were 13-1-2 from March 3 through April 7. Carolina's 3-2 overtime victory over Pittsburgh on April 4 was played at a playoff-like intensity that both teams could feel.

"To a man, through our lineup, we laid it on the line," Bylsma said.

Returning to Pittsburgh always means something for Cole, who broke two vertebrae in his neck when hit from behind by Penguins defenseman Brooks Orpik on March 4, 2006. Cole returned in time for Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals that season, and the two fought the following season. Orpik remains in Pittsburgh's lineup.

"I'm always going to have thoughts about it, for sure," said the slumping Cole, who doesn't have a goal in 14 playoff games.

The Penguins, with Crosby, NHL leading scorer Evgeni Malkin (19 points) and their own Staal, are favored to return to the finals, but Carolina wasn't supposed to beat Boston, either.

AP Sports Writer Joedy McCreary in Raleigh, N.C., contributed to this report.

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina 4, Boston 3

Boston 4, Carolina 1

Carolina 3, Boston, 0

Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT

Boston 4, Carolina 1

Boston 4, Carolina 0

Boston 4, Carolina 2

Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3

Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT

Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, OT

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT

Pittsburgh 6, Washington 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit 3, Anaheim 3

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2

Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT

Anaheim 2, Detroit 1

Detroit 6, Anaheim 3

Detroit 4, Anaheim 1

Anaheim 2, Detroit 1

Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

Chicago 4, Vancouver 2

Vancouver 5, Chicago 3

Chicago 6, Vancouver 3

Vancouver 3, Chicago 1

Chicago 2, Vancouver 1

Chicago 4, Vancouver 2

Chicago 7, Vancouver 5

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

Monday: Carolina at Pittsburgh

Thursday: Carolina at Pittsburgh

Saturday: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Tuesday, May 26: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Friday, May 29: Carolina at Pittsburgh

Sunday, May 31: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Tuesday, June 2: Carolina at Pittsburgh

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago vs. Detroit

Sunday: Detroit 5, Chicago 2, Detroit leads series 1-0

Tuesday: Chicago at Detroit

Friday: Detroit at Chicago

Sunday, May 24: Detroit at Chicago

Wednesday, May 27: Chicago at Detroit

Saturday, May 30: Detroit at Chicago

Monday, June 1: Chicago at Detroit

* — if necessary

Sunday

Red Wings 5, Blackhawks 2

Chicago 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 1, 3-2

First Period — 1, Chicago, Burish 3, 5:25.

2, Detroit, Cleary 4, 8:23.

Second Period — 3, Detroit, Franzen 9, 16:38.

Third Period — 4, Chicago, Versteeg 4 (Byfuglien, Seabrook), 3:12 (pp), 5, Detroit, Samuelsson 4 (Lebda, Filppula), 7:31, 6, Detroit, Cleary 5 (Franzen, Zetterberg), 8:58, 7, Detroit, Zetterberg 7 (Franzen, Stuart), 19:17 (en).

Shots on Goal — Chicago 9-10-13-32.

Detroit 15-14-14-43.

Power-play opportunities — Chicago 1 of 1; Detroit 0 of 3.

Goalies — Chicago, Khabibulin 8-5-0 (42 shots-38 saves). Detroit, Osgood 9-3-0 (32-30).

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Rachel Alexandra's handlers undecided on Belmont

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Even though there won't be a Triple Crown winner this year, the Belmont Stakes could be compelling — if the handlers of a very popular filly ultimately decide to bring their horse to New York.

Rachel Alexandra fulfilled all expectations Saturday by becoming the first filly in 85 years to capture the Preakness. With Calvin Borel aboard, Rachel Alexandra broke to the lead early and held off Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird to win by a length.

Mine That Bird trainer Chip Woolley Jr. said Sunday he will definitely enter his horse in the third jewel of the Triple Crown on June 6. A reprise of their memorable duel down the stretch would make it a Belmont to remember, but there's no indication yet whether Rachel Alexandra will be up for a rematch.

Rachel Alexandra left Pimlico on Sunday morning for trainer Steve Asmussen's barn at Churchill Downs in Kentucky. The filly is set to return to the track on Wednes-



Jockey Calvin Borel celebrates Saturday aboard Rachel Alexandra after winning the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore.

day, and is scheduled to breeze on Memorial Day.

"We're not going to tell her how she's feeling. She'll tell us how she's feeling," Asmussen said.

Co-owner Jess Jackson bought the horse after the Kentucky Derby and promptly decided to run her in the Preakness, just to see if she could beat the boys as easily as she dominated her own gender.

Regardless of the competition, Woolley is convinced his horse can win the Belmont. Mine That Bird was in last place at the half-mile pole in the Preakness before jockey Mike Smith produced a stirring finish that came up a little short.

"My horse will be much more suited to the Belmont: big wide track, big wide sweeping turns. It should play a little better to my horse," he said. "It'll probably be a shorter field, which eliminates some of the traffic. We're excited about going."

Woolley said Smith would remain aboard Mine That Bird, even if Rachel Alexandra doesn't run. Borel rode Mine That Bird in the Derby, then switched to the filly in the Preakness.

If Borel gets to ride Rachel Alexandra in

the Belmont, a victory there would make him the first jockey to win a Triple Crown on different horses.

Regardless of whether Rachel Alexandra tries to become the second filly in three years to win the Belmont Stakes after Rags to Riches won in 2007, several trainers have decided against testing their horses over the 1 1/2 miles.

"No Belmont, definitely," said Musket Man trainer Derek Ryan, whose horse finished third in the Derby and Preakness.

David Fawkes, trainer of Big Drama, also ruled out the Belmont. General Quarters and Terrain will skip the race, but Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said Flying Private, the fourth-place Preakness finisher, emerged "as sharp as a tack" and may return for the Belmont.

Trainer Larry Jones, who's now 0-for-3 against Rachel Alexandra, shipped Friesian Fire back to Delaware Park and will decide on the Belmont in the next few days.

"We'll sit down and regroup and see what's next," Jones said. "I'm sure we're not headed for the Belmont, but we'll see what happens. We'll find him a spot he'll fit in."

NBA scoreboard**Playoffs****CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)****Eastern Conference**

Cleveland 4, Atlanta 0

Cleveland 99, Atlanta 72

Cleveland 105, Atlanta 85

Cleveland 97, Atlanta 82

Cleveland 84, Atlanta 74

Boston vs. Orlando

Orlando 95, Boston 90

Boston 112, Orlando 94

Orlando 117, Boston 96

Boston 95, Orlando 94

Boston 92, Orlando 88

Orlando 83, Boston 75

Sunday: Orlando 101, Boston 82, Orlando wins series 4-3**Western Conference****L.A. Lakers vs. Houston**

Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 92

L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 98

L.A. Lakers 108, Houston 94

Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 87

L.A. Lakers 118, Houston 78

Houston 95, L.A. Lakers 80

Sunday: L.A. Lakers 89, Houston 70, L.A. Lakers win series 4-3**Denver 4, Dallas 1**

Denver 109, Dallas 95

Dallas 117, Dallas 105

Denver 106, Dallas 105

Dallas 119, Denver 117

Denver 124, Dallas 110

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-seven)**Eastern Conference**

Cleveland vs. Orlando

Wednesday: Orlando at Cleveland**Friday:** Orlando at Cleveland**Sunday:** May 24: Cleveland at Orlando**Tuesday, May 26:** Cleveland at Orlando**Thursday, May 28:** Orlando at Cleveland**Saturday, May 30:** Cleveland at Orlando**Monday, June 1:** Orlando at Cleveland**Western Conference****L.A. Lakers vs. Denver****Tuesday:** Denver at L.A. Lakers**Thursday:** Denver at L.A. Lakers**Saturday:** L.A. Lakers at Denver**Monday, May 25:** L.A. Lakers at Denver**Wednesday, May 27:** Denver at L.A. Lakers**Friday, May 29:** L.A. Lakers at Denver**Sunday, May 31:** Denver at L.A. Lakers

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NBA FINALS (Best-of-seven)

TBD

Sunday**Lakers 89, Rockets 70**

HOUSTON — Battier 1-6 1-1 3, Scola 4-12 3-6 11, Hayes 4-8 0-0 8, Brooks 4-13 3-3, Artest 3-10 0-1 7, Landry 2-10 0-4, Wafer 5-11 0-1 10, Lowry 2-2 2-2 8, Barry 0-1 0-0 0, Cook 1-1 0-0 2, White 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 28-76 9-14 70.

L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 5-9 3-4 15, Gasol 10-19 1-1 21, Bynum 6-7 2-2 14, Fisher 2-5 2-2 6, Bryant 4-12 5-6 14, Odom 2-5 2-1 2 6, Farman 1-5 0-1 2, Vujacic 4-7 0-0 9, Walton 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 1-3 0-0 2, Powell 0-1 0-0 0, Mbenga 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-75 14-18 89.

Houston 12 19 19 20-79
L.A. Lakers 22 29 18 20-89

Three-Point Goals—Houston 5-20 (Lowry 2-2, Brooks 2-3, Artest 1-6, Barry 0-1, Hayes 0-1, Wafer 0-1, Landry 0-2, Battier 4-0). L.A. Lakers 5-15 (Ariza 2-3, Odom 1-3, Vujacic 1-3, Bryant 1-4, Farman 0-1, Fisher 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 40 (Artest 8), L.A. Lakers 57 (Gasol 18). Assists—Houston 17 (Artest 5), L.A. Lakers 16 (Bryant 5). Total Fouls—Houston 20, L.A. Lakers 17. Technicals—Bynum, L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—18,997 (18,997).

Magic 101, Celtics 82

ORLANDO — Turkoglu 9-12 3-3 25, Lewis 5-14 7-10 19, Howard 5-9 2-2 12, Alston 6-16 0-1 15, Redick 2-3 0-0 7, Lee 1-5 1-1 3, Pietrus 6-7 2-2 17, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Battie 0-1 0-0 0, Gortat 2-2 1-1 5. Totals 36-70 16-20 101.

BOSTON — Pierce 4-13 7-10 16, Davis 4-7 5-7 13, Perkins 3-11 2-2 8, Rondo 4-10 2-2 10, R. Allen 9-18 2-2 23, House 1-3 0-2, Scalabrine 1-5 0-0 2, Marbury 1-4 2-2 4, T. Allen 1-1 0-0 2, Pruitt 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 1-1 0-0 2, Walker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-74 20-25 82.

Orlando 27 18 21 35-101
Boston 17 21 23 21-82

Three-Point Goals—Orlando 13-21 (Turkoglu 4-5, Pietrus 3-3, Alston 3-7, Lewis 2-4, Redick 2-1), Boston 13-16 (R. Allen 3-6, Pierce 1-5, Scalabrine 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Pruitt 0-1, Marbury 0-1, House 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 44 (Howard 16), Boston 44 (Perkins 15). Assists—Orlando 26 (Turkoglu 12), Boston 21 (Rondo 10). Total Fouls—Orlando 20, Boston 22. A—18,624 (18,624).

NBA calendar**May 19** — Draft lottery.**June 4** — NBA Finals start date (possible move-up to June 2).**June 15** — NBA Draft early entry entrant withdrawal deadline (5 p.m. EDT).**June 18** — NBA Finals latest possible end date.**June 25** — NBA Draft.

Denver expected to face Lakers

By ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets are rested and ready.

Will they also be rusty?

The Nuggets took care of Dallas in five games, wrapping up their second-round series Wednesday night, then taking a day off before spending three straight days working out and wondering.

They figured the Los Angeles Lakers would beat the Houston Rockets — although they didn't think it would take seven games. So, they've been preparing for Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol all along with a Plan B in their back pockets just in case the Rockets pulled off a shocker.

The Nuggets, who are making their first trip to the Western Conference finals since 1985, quickly ditched their backup plans Sunday when the Lakers jumped to an early lead and cruised past the Rockets 89-70.

"Surprise, surprise," Denver guard Chauncey Billups said. "Of course, Houston had a chance. They played a great series. But like everybody else, we kind of figured L.A. would win at home."

After all, the Nuggets know just how tough the Lakers are at home, where George Karl hasn't won since taking over as Denver's coach midway through the 2004-05 season.

The Nuggets have gone 1-10 against L.A. the past two seasons, including a four-game sweep in the first round of last year's playoffs, when Denver became the first 50-win team in league history to get swept in the first round.

Behind Billups, however, they're supremely confident they can get past the Lakers and into their first NBA Finals since joining the league in 1976.

"Everything is different," Carmelo Anthony said. "We played the Lakers four times this regular season. But that's out the window. It starts Tuesday. We're going to go out there and compete. We're going to go out and compete and try to win the hustle game and try to be a little physical and see what happens."

Karl said he, too, has a feeling the Nuggets' fortunes are about to change.

"Over the last two years, I think we tried to play their game. We tried to outscore them," Karl said. "They were a better offensive team than we were. I think the difference right now is we've tried to become more of a balanced team, a defensive team, a physical team."

"It seems like those teams do have more success against the Lakers than the teams that try to outscore them."

The Nuggets are looking at their long layoff as a blessing.

"Yeah. You get to rest your bones, a couple of aches and bruises you might have," Kenyon Martin said. "I think it's a good thing to have a few days in between series and not have to start right up. I think it helps guys get their mind together, and their bodies."

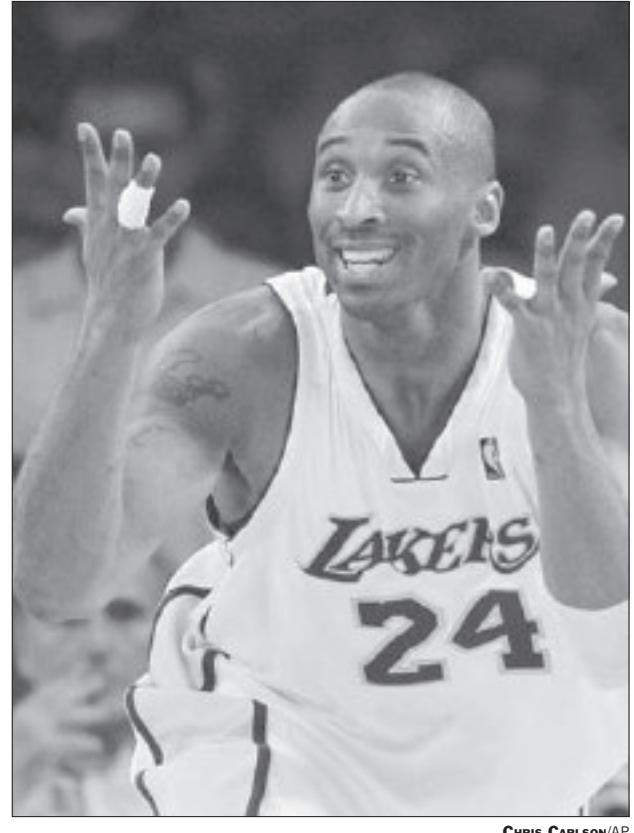
Chris Andersen appreciated the extra rest. A bad case of food poisoning that kept him out of Game 4 in Dallas left him weakened and scoreless in Game 5.

"I'm back to eating regular food," Andersen said.

Anthony was glad to get a few days to rest his bruised left thigh.

"I'm good. I'll be good Tuesday," Anthony said.

"I think Houston did us a favor by winning that Game 6 and extending the series. We got a chance to rest and get our people



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

It took Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers a few games more than expected to get to the Western Conference finals, but the Denver Nuggets have been preparing for Kobe and crew all along.

healthy," Anthony added. "So everybody's good for Tuesday."

The Nuggets traveled to Los Angeles with the idea of stealing a game or even two from the Lakers, who might be fatigued from the Houston series.

"We're going (there) to win both games," Martin said. "Not just going (there) to split ... Ain't no stealing nothing. We're going to play to win. No matter if they have days off or not, we're going to win."

Celtics secretly hoped for KG's return

By JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The first-round victory over Chicago bought the Boston Celtics two more weeks, and as they went into Game 7 against Orlando they allowed themselves to wonder whether they could extend their season long enough to get Kevin Garnett out of street clothes and back on the court.

"Clearly, that's why we didn't do surgery. I think that was not a secret," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said after the Magic eliminated the defending champions with a 101-82 victory on Sunday night. "At one point, he was going to do surgery. And then we decided, 'Well, why?' Just fate, hope — you never know. So we were hoping. But I didn't think it was going to happen — just in case."

Garnett played a total of 66 minutes, 18 seconds in the last two months of the regular season because of strained ligaments and what the team said is an unrelated bone spur in his right knee that will require surgery.

The Celtics had hoped to get him back into shape for the playoffs, but Rivers announced on the eve of the opening series that Garnett would not be back.

The 6-foot-11 superstar watched the playoffs from the bench and the team consistently shot down any suggestion that he might be able to return. But the playoffs are a two-month affair — Boston clinched the championship on June 17 last year — and the Celtics allowed themselves to hope.

"We were hoping," Rivers said.

Backup Leon Powe, who is a free agent, has already had surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus, and will need 9-12 months to recover. But Garnett's surgery and recovery will be finished in time for the 2009-10 opener, Rivers said, so there was no harm in waiting — just in case.

"It's no rush," Rivers said. "His surgery is not going to be anything that's going to take all summer."

But the Celtics are in a rush.

The new Big Three that won the franchise's 17th NBA title last

season could be split up after next season, when Ray Allen is scheduled to become a free agent. Plus, Garnett turns 33 on Tuesday, and he already has 14 years of NBA experience in a body that has already broken down once.

Paul Pierce, who has two more years under contract, will be 32 and Allen will be 34.

"Unfortunately, we didn't have the big fella for this run," Pierce said. "The main thing right now for him is to get healthy, keep the core together, bring him back next year and see what happens. Hopefully we can stay healthy next year in the playoffs. Honestly, I believe we are the best team in the NBA still when we have a healthy group of guys."

Even Magic star Dwight Howard was left to wonder.

"I always loved playing against KG. He has been a role model for me my whole life and to see him go down was sad for me," he said after eliminating the Celtics on Sunday night. "I just hope he comes back 100 percent and I look forward to playing against him next year."

Celtics general manager Danny Ainge, who made the deals to bring Garnett and Allen to Boston, has to decide whether to bring back free agent Glen "Big Baby" Davis. The second-year, second-round pick filled in for Garnett during the injury and showed signs that he's worth keeping.

"I've just got to go where the opportunity is at," Davis said. "The city, the fans, the players, the coaching staff have been a really important part of my game and helped me flourish as a player. I'm always going to have a soft spot, winning the championship here. I just hope it works out for the best and everybody is satisfied."

Backup point guard Stephon Marbury is also a free agent, along with little-used backup big man Mikki Moore. Eddie House, the three-point sharpshooter, has a player option for 2009-10.

Davis averaged 21 minutes in the regular season and 36 in the playoffs, watching his scoring average go from 7 points to 15.8 and his rebounds bump from 4 to 5.6 per game.

NL roundup

Thanks for the help

Defense, opponent's balks help Cain defeat Mets

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Cain didn't have to be perfect to slow the New York Mets. He got a lot of help from his defense and from opposing pitcher Mike Pelfrey.

Cain stymied the Mets and singled in a run to help his cause as the San Francisco Giants ended an eight-game losing streak to New York with a 2-0 victory Sunday night.

"That group swings it," Cain said of New York's powerful batting order. "And they're definitely hot right now."

Bengie Molina also had an RBI single as San Francisco snapped a four-game skid and avoided a four-game home sweep in a game that featured a rare three balks called against Pelfrey. The Mets didn't dispute those calls afterward.

"He was starting and stopping. I think he just got kind of a brain lock there, kind of a cramp," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "He couldn't quite get comfortable. And they were balks. The guy was right. ... I really was surprised. I had not witnessed that before. It really caught me off guard."

New York was unable to get to Cain after producing 24 runs, 42 hits and 13 stolen bases in the first three games of the series.

The Mets, in the midst of a 10-game road trip, lost for only the fourth time in 16 May games.

Pelfrey (4-1) kicked the mound in frustration following his third balk, in the sixth, that drew a visit from pitching coach Dan Warthen.

"I think maybe when I get on national TV I like making a fool of myself," Pelfrey said. "It seemed like I almost had the yips. It was like I was fighting myself to come set because my mind kept telling me to pick the guy off. I went back and watched replays and I balked."

Pable Sandoval singled with two outs in the first, went to second on Pelfrey's first balk, and scored on Bengie Molina's single.

Aaron Rowand singled leading off the fifth, was balked to second, advanced to third on Travis Ishikawa's grounder to first and scored on Cain's single to center.

The last pitcher to have three balks in a game was Toronto's Al Leiter against Minnesota on April 23, 1994. It was only the second time in Mets history that a pitcher had three balks. Don Rowe did it on April 27, 1963, at Philadelphia.

Milwaukee's Bob Shaw set NL records with three balks in an inning and five in a game on May 4, 1963, against the Chicago Cubs.

Carlos Beltran's double in the

eighth off Jeremy Affeldt put runners on second and third with no outs. But Gary Sheffield struck out and, after David Wright was walked intentionally, pinch-hitter Angel Pagan grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Cain (4-1) pitched six shutout innings, and Bob Howry, Affeldt and Brian Wilson finished the five-hit shutout. Wilson earned his ninth save after losing the first two games of the series.

Astros 6, Cubs 5: At Chicago, Ivan Rodriguez hit his 300th home run and Lance Berkman had two hits and an RBI as Houston snapped the Cubs' five-game winning streak.

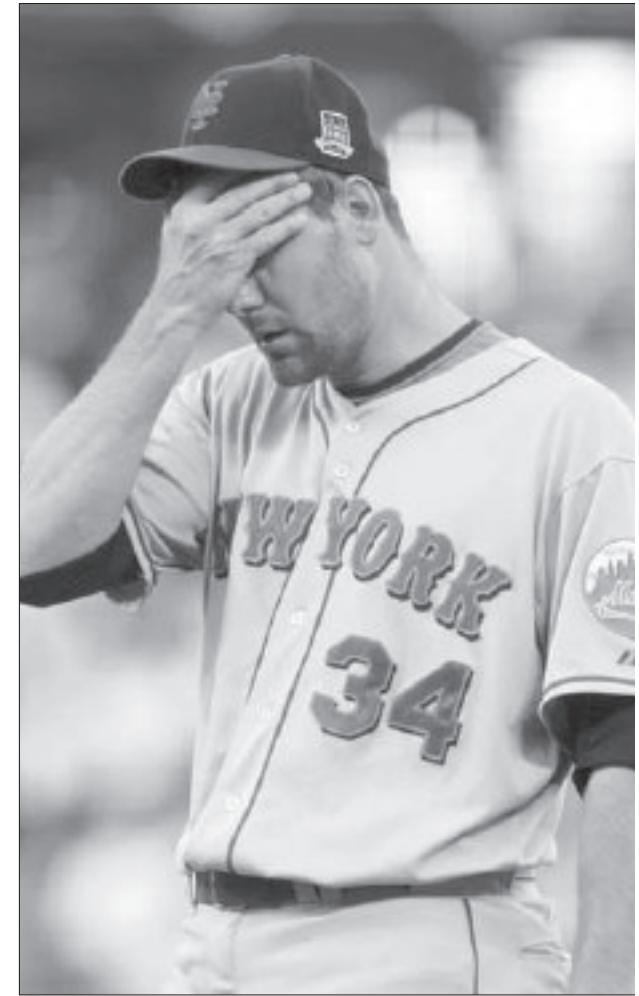
Houston starter Brian Moehler (1-0) pitched five innings to get his first victory since last Sept. 10, against Pittsburgh.

Chris Sampson allowed two runs over 1 1/3 innings and was credited with a save.

Rich Harden (4-2) gave up four runs and six hits for Chicago.

Padres 3, Reds 1: At San Diego, Jake Peavy threw a four-hitter and Kevin Kouzmanoff drove in two runs. Peavy (3-5) gave the Padres' bullpen a rest after a 16-inning game, winning for the first time in six starts. It was his first complete game of the season and seventh of his career.

Bronson Arroyo (5-3) went seven innings for the Reds.



JEFF CHIU/AP

New York Mets pitcher Mike Pelfrey wipes his brow in frustration after he was called for a balk in the sixth inning Sunday night against the San Francisco Giants. Pelfrey committed three balks in the game and two led to the only runs scored in San Francisco's 2-0 victory.

AL roundup

Blue Jays complete sweep of slumping Chicago

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Alex Rios hit a go-ahead triple in the eighth inning Monday and the Toronto Blue Jays completed a four-game sweep by beating the Chicago White Sox 3-2.

After Jim Thome tied it in the top of the eighth with his 548th career home run, Toronto bounced back against Octavio Dotel (1-1).

The Blue Jays own the AL's best record at 27-14. They start a nine-game road trip Tuesday night at Fenway Park when they play Boston for the first time this season.

Chicago lost its season-high fifth in a row and has dropped 10 straight at Toronto. The White Sox lost six of seven on a road trip that started in Cleveland, a week that manager Ozzie Guillen described before the game as "horrible."

Dotel had not allowed a run in 14 games this season, a span of 12 1/3 innings, when he relieved in the eighth with the score 2-2.

Jose Bautista drew a leadoff walk and moved up on Marco Scutaro's sacrifice. Bautista stole third with one out, racing in without a throw as Dotel looked in for the sign with third baseman Josh

Fields positioned well behind the bag.

Rios scored Bautista with a triple that skipped past diving center fielder Scott Podsednik.

Toronto led 2-0 until Thome's two-run homer, which tied Mike Schmidt for 13th on baseball's career list.

Jesse Carlson (1-2) got the victory despite allowing Thome's game-tying shot. Scott Downs closed it out in the ninth for his fifth save in as many chances.

The White Sox have lost 12 of 15 since May 2 to drop from first to fourth in the AL Central.

Kevin Millar gave Toronto a 1-0 lead in the second with his second home run.

The Blue Jays added another run in the third, taking advantage of an error by Podsednik.

Scutaro opened the inning with a fly ball to left-center and, sensing a collision with left fielder Jayson Nix, Podsednik slowed at the last second. The ball bounced off his glove and rolled to the wall, sending Scutaro to third. He scored on Aaron Hill's sacrifice fly.

Neither starter figured in the decision but both turned in strong performances. Tagged for five

runs in a career-low 1 2/3 innings against the New York Yankees last Wednesday, Toronto right-hander Scott Richmond rebounded by allowing five hits in seven shutout innings. He walked one and struck out seven.

Chicago left-hander Clayton Richard gave up one earned run and three hits in a career-high seven innings. He walked three and struck out three.

Guillen rejoined the White Sox after a two-day leave. Guillen had been in Chicago attending his son's college graduation.

Scutaro started one day after being struck in the chest by the throw on a steal of third base. Toronto 3B Scott Rolen made a diving stop and then threw from one knee to retire Fields in the third. Fields gave Rolen a tip of the cap as he headed back to the dugout.

In Sunday games:

Rays 7, Indians 5: Andy Sonnanstine, forced to bat because of a lineup glitch that cost Tampa Bay use of a designated hitter, contributed a run-scoring double and a sacrifice in addition to pitching into the sixth inning.

Rays manager Joe Maddon submitted a lineup card that mistakenly listed Ben Zobrist

and Evan Longoria playing third base. Since Zobrist played third in the top of the first, he stayed in the game while Longoria, who was supposed to be the DH, had to sit.

On the mound, Sonnanstine (2-4) gave up five runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings to help send Cleveland to its eighth loss in 11 games. Tampa Bay won its third in a row.

The Rays scored five times in the fourth to take a 7-3 lead. Jason Bartlett hit an RBI single and Michel Hernandez added a three-run double. Hernandez came home when Sonnanstine doubled to left off rookie David Huff (0-1).

Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his sixth save, but not before more wackiness.

There was a brief scrum in the bottom of the eighth after Kerry Wood's first two pitches went behind and in tight to B.J. Upton. Catcher Victor Martinez, who got out of the way of a high-and-inside pitch earlier in the series, got into a yelling match with the Rays' bench and both dugouts emptied.

In the top half of the ninth, the Rays may have gotten a big break

when it appeared the umpires blew the call on Ryan Garko's deep drive to left with one out. It was ruled that Carl Crawford caught the fly after it first hit his glove while jumping at the wall. TV replays indicated the ball went off the padding just below the home-run line before the left fielder got to it.

Mariners 3, Red Sox 2: At Seattle, Franklin Gutierrez singled under the glove of third baseman Mike Lowell to score Ronny Cedeno with two outs in the ninth.

Ramon Ramirez (4-1), who had allowed one run in 20 1/3 innings coming in, intentionally walked Ichiro Suzuki before Gutierrez finally ended the game.

David Aardsma (1-1) won in relief for Seattle.

Royals 7, Orioles 4: At Kansas City, Mo., John Buck's RBI triple off Jim Johnson (2-2) snapped an eighth-inning tie, and the Royals overcame four errors.

Jose Cruz (3-0), the fourth Royals pitcher, retired all six batters he faced for his 11th straight victory. He has not lost since June 9, 2007, while with Arizona.

The four errors were the most for Kansas City since a four-error game against Detroit on July 16, 2005.

Sports briefs

Gruden replacing Kornheiser on MNF

The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn. — Former Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden is replacing Tony Kornheiser on ESPN's Monday Night Football broadcast team. Kornheiser cited a fear of flying in his decision to leave after three years.

The network said Monday that Gruden will be in the booth with Mike Tirico and Ron Jaworski when the show starts its 40th season this fall.

"If I could handpick a replacement of a football guy, I would cast a net and drag in Jon Gruden," Kornheiser said in a statement released by the network. "He is the two things you most want — smart and funny — and has the two things I don't — good hair and a tan."

Gruden led the Bucs to the 2003 Super Bowl title but was fired after this past season after his team lost four straight games to miss the playoffs. He worked as a guest analyst this year with the NFL Network during the draft and scouting combine.

"To join Mike and Jaws in the booth and to work alongside this top-notch team is going to be a real thrill," Gruden said.

Gruden will make his debut with ESPN with an exhibition game on Aug. 13, a Super Bowl rematch between the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Gruden was an NFL head coach the past 11 seasons, with the Buccaneers (2002-08) and Oakland Raiders (1998-01). He had a 100-85 record, leading his teams to five division titles.

His best season came in 2002, when the Buccaneers went 12-4 and then beat the Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl. Gruden was 38 at the time and the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl.

Oklahoma dismisses Pattillo

NORMAN, Okla. — Forward Juan Pattillo has been kicked off Oklahoma's basketball team for an undisclosed violation of team policy.

Sooners coach Jeff Capel announced Sunday that he had dismissed Pattillo, who came out of a redshirt halfway through last season and helped Oklahoma reach the regional finals in the NCAA tournament.

Pattillo averaged 6.2 points and 3.6 rebounds and also provided a shot-blocking presence in 18 games off the bench. With player of the year Blake Griffin moving on to the NBA, Pattillo was expected to play an even bigger role next season.

Capel says he will not comment on Pattillo's dismissal.

Rockies' Daley goes on DL after stepping on bat

PITTSBURGH — Colorado Rockies reliever Matt Daley is headed to the disabled list after a fluke accident during a 10-run seventh inning by the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

Early in the inning Sunday, Daley gave up an RBI double to Freddy Sanchez. As the pitcher ran to back up home plate, um-



GERRY BROOME/AP

Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps, left, talks to France's Fred Bousquet after Phelps finished second to Bousquet in Sunday's final of the men's 100-meter freestyle at the Charlotte UltraSwim.

pire Bill Welke tossed the bat out of the way to clear space. It landed directly under Daley's left foot on his next stride.

"It was just a freak accident," said Daley, who wore a protective boot after the game.

Daley tried some practice pitches before manager Clint Hurdle and the training staff elected to remove him from the game. The Pirates went on to win 11-4.

Daley said X-rays taken on the foot were negative, and the team was characterizing the injury as a sprain.

Phelps loses again

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Phelps lost for the second night in a row when Frederick Bousquet blew him away in the 100-meter freestyle Sunday, the final event of the Charlotte UltraSwim.

Even though Phelps kept switching up his stroke in a desperate bid to keep up with the flying Frenchman, it wasn't close at the end.

Bousquet led by nearly a second at the turn and finished in 48.22 seconds. Phelps was about a half-body length behind when they touched, taking second in 49.04.

Phelps lost to world-record holder Aaron Peirsol in the 100 backstroke on Saturday.

NFL coaches association upset with pension change

NEW YORK — The executive director of the NFL coaches association is upset with the way the league has handled a change in assistant coaches' leaguewide pension plan.

The owners voted in March to make the pension, the 401K, and the current supplemental retirement plan non-mandatory for the clubs.

"We're most miffed that this happened with absolutely no advanced warning and that they were even discussing it," Larry Kennan told The Associated Press in a phone interview Sunday. "If you ask any of the own-

ers, coaches are really important to them. But we weren't important enough to keep in the loop. Tell us four or five months ago that we're thinking about that."

The change in the pension led to the retirement last week of longtime Indianapolis Colts coaches Tom Moore, the only offensive coordinator Peyton Manning has had, and offensive line coach Howard Mudd.

"Howard and Tom are doing this strictly because of the pension," Kennan said, shooting down reports that the retirements were tied to other issues.

According to Kennan nine teams — Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Dallas, Houston, Jacksonville, New England, New Orleans, and San Francisco — have opted out of the program. Others may do so over the next few years.

All NFL coaches have already signed their contracts for the upcoming season, so no immediate recourse was available to Moore and Mudd.

Kyle Busch wins truck race

NEWTON, Iowa — Kyle Busch won the NASCAR Camping World Series East-West combination race Sunday at Iowa Speedway, easily holding off 2008 winner Brian Ickler.

Coming off the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race on Saturday night in North Carolina, Busch took the pole and led 168 of the 200 laps in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. With the victory, he earned a spot in the NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown.

David Mayhew was third, followed by Jeffrey Earnhardt, Paulie Harraka, Brett Moffitt, Brett Thompson, Jesus Hernandez, Jason Bowles and Johnny Borneman.

Ravens sign WR Washington

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens have signed unrestricted free agent Kelley Washington to a one-year contract to bolster their receiving corps.

A six-year NFL veteran who

spent the past two seasons with the New England Patriots, Washington was a 2003 third-round draft pick by the Cincinnati Bengals. He has 73 catches for 896 yards and nine touchdowns during his career.

"Kelley is a professional who's been in this system and has had hard coaching," Ravens quarterbacks coach Hue Jackson said Monday. Jackson coached Washington in Cincinnati.

Schumacher wins Thunder Valley Nationals

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tony Schumacher raced to his third Top Fuel victory of the season Sunday, beating Doug Kalitta in the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway.

Schumacher crossed the finish line in 3.857 seconds at 310.91 mph to edge Kalitta, whose dragster trailed at 3.879 at 303.43. It was Schumacher's third victory at the Tennessee drag strip and the 59th of his career.

Del Worsham and Mike Edwards also won their divisions in the NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event.

In Funny Car, Worsham claimed his second consecutive victory and 24th of his career, powering his Toyota Solara past Tony Pedregon's Chevy Impala in the final. Worsham posted the quickest run of the weekend in the category to get the win, a 4.075-second run at 304.67 mph, while Pedregon finished in 4.152 at 293.22.

Edwards claimed his second victory of the season and 17th of his career in Pro Stock, beating Greg Anderson with a track-record time of 6.633 at 207.72 in a Pontiac GXP. Anderson's GXP trailed Edwards with a performance of 6.658 at 207.94.

NBA star's acquaintance in court gives real name

BEAUMONT, Texas — One mystery has been solved about the woman arrested at NBA star Dirk Nowitzki's Dallas home: her name.

Crista Ann Taylor, 37, has been listed under eight aliases, most often Crystal Taylor. When she made her initial court appearance Monday on a theft of services charge, the judge asked her to clarify her name. She also told the judge she has no money for an attorney, no income, no property and no savings.

Taylor's charged in a 2006 indictment alleging she didn't pay for dental services ranging from \$1,500 to \$20,000 and remains in the Jefferson County Jail in Beaumont on a \$50,000 bond. She'll be arraigned June 8.

Nowitzki has repeatedly declined to discuss his relationship with her.

Olympic silver medalist pleads no contest to assault charge

HONOLULU — Olympic silver medalist and former University of Hawaii volleyball standout Kim Willoughby has pleaded no contest to assault.

Under a plea agreement with prosecutors, Willoughby will be sentenced to five years probation. She must also pay an undetermined amount of restitution to the victim.

Sara Daniel suffered a broken nasal bone and eye socket when Willoughby allegedly punched her during an altercation at a Honolulu nightclub in 2006.

Willoughby played for the U.S. team that won the silver medal in the Beijing Olympics.

Roy denies being offered Avalanche coaching job

DENVER — Hall of Fame goaltender Patrick Roy denied being offered the Colorado Avalanche's coaching job, a position currently held by Tony Granato.

The Denver Post reported Monday that Roy had received an offer and was mulling it over. The Avalanche declined comment on the report, which cited anonymous league sources.

Later Monday, a spokeswoman for the junior league club Roy co-owns and coaches told The Associated Press that Roy had not received an offer from his old NHL team.

"I talked to him this morning and he said all those reports are speculation. He never received a formal offer," said Nicole Bouchard, director of media relations for the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Roy is also general manager of the Remparts.

Bouchard said Roy wasn't available for interviews. Earlier, he told French-Language network Radio Canada: "I never received an offer ... but anyway, I'm not commenting."

Roy met with Avs president Pierre Lacroix in Denver on May 7, about three weeks after general manager Francois Giguere was fired following Colorado's last-place finish in the West. Colorado's 32-45-5 mark was the franchise's worst since moving from Quebec to Denver in 1995.

Steelers' Harrison plans to skip White House

PITTSBURGH — James Harrison plans to pass on another trip to the White House with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Harrison, the NFL Defensive Player of the Year, says he'll skip the Super Bowl champion's visit to the White House to meet President Barack Obama on Thursday, just as he did when the Steelers were honored by President George W. Bush in June 2006.

Harrison told Pittsburgh station WTAE-TV he doesn't believe the invitation is all that special, saying if the Steelers hadn't beaten the Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute rally, Arizona would have been invited.

The Steelers had no comment Monday about Harrison's comments. Steelers chairman Dan Rooney was an early supporter of Obama's and has been nominated to be the U.S. ambassador to Ireland.

Far East soccer tournament scoreboard

Boys Class AA

At Falcon Field, Seoul American High School, and Chosun Field, South Post, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

Pool-play standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kubasaki, Okinawa	2	0	0	11	2	6
Guam High	1	1	0	3	7	3
Nile C. Kinnick, Japan	0	2	0	3	6	0
J.F. Kennedy, Guam	0	2	0	7	0	6

Pool A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
CAJ	1	0	1	7	2	4
Seoul American	1	1	0	3	7	3
Yokota, Japan	0	2	0	2	10	0

Pool B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Zama American, Japan	2	0	0	7	0	6
Hong Kong Intern'l	0	0	2	2	2	2

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kadena, Okinawa	0	1	1	2	1	1
Monday						

Kubasaki 3, Nile C. Kinnick 2

Halftime-0-0. Goals-Kubasaki, Mitch Shibley 2 (7), Leo Muro 1 (7); Kinnick, David Krievs 1 (10), David Bailey 1 (10).

CAJ 6, Seoul American 1

Halftime-CAJ 4-1. Goals-CAJ, Leo Kobayashi 3 (18), Ryo Fuseya 1 (6), Josiah Trim 1 (3), Aaron Winter 1 (1); Seoul, own goal.

Kadena 1, Hong Kong International 1

Halftime-0-0. Goals-Kadena, Patrick Edwards 1 (1); Hong Kong, Dreyfuss Koo 1.

Zama American 6, Guam High 0

Halftime-Zama 1-0. Goals-Zama, Steve Burritica 2 (7), Spencer Clark 1 (14), Adonis Jackson 1 (10), Brittan Southard 1 (7), Mike Jorgenson 1 (3).

Seoul American 2, Yokota 1

Halftime-1-1. Goals-Seoul, Peter Kim 1 (6), Matt Park 1 (6); Yokota, Patrick Tubalado 1 (1).

Zama American 1, Kadena 0

Halftime-Zama 1-0. Goals-Zama, Daniel Dulay 1 (2).

CAJ 1, Hong Kong International 1

Halftime-Hong Kong 1-0. Goals-Hong

Kong, Anthony Abdelenor 1; CAJ, Ryo

Fuseya 1 (7).

Guam High 3, Nile C. Kinnick 1

Halftime-Guam High 1-0. Goals-Guam

High, Sean Marquez 2, Fred Alig 1; Kin-

nick, David Krievs 1 (11).

Kubasaki 8, Yokota 1

Halftime-Kubasaki 3-0. Goals-Kuba-

saki, Leo Muro 2 (9), Mitch Shibley 2 (9),

Rimar West 1 (9), Travis Zilmer 1 (7),

Cody Sadler 1 (4), Steven Schmidt 1 (1);

Yokota, Tony Presnell 1 (16).

Tuesday's matches

Kubasaki vs. Guam High, 9:30 a.m.

Hong Kong International vs. Zama

American, 9:30 a.m.

CAJ vs. Yokota, 11:30 a.m.

Nile C. Kinnick vs. Seoul American,

11:30 a.m.

Kadena vs. Guam High, 1:30 a.m.

Kubasaki vs. Seoul American, 3:30

p.m.

Yokota vs. Zama American, 3:30 p.m.

Hong Kong International vs. Nile C.

Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.

CAJ vs. Kadena, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Class AA

At Mike Petty Stadium and Upper Field, Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster, Okinawa

Pool-play standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Faith, Philippines	2	0	1	9	0	7
Zama, Japan	2	0	0	7	0	6
Kubasaki, Okinawa	1	0	2	2	0	5
Guam High	1	2	0	4	6	3
Seoul American	0	1	1	0	3	1
CAJ	0	3	0	1	11	0

Monday

Faith Academy 2, Guam High 0

Halftime-Faith 2-0. Goals-Faith, own

goal, Lauren Cleope 1.

Kubasaki 2, Christian Acad. In Japan 0

Halftime-Kubasaki 1-0. Goals-Kuba-

saki, Elizabeth Fabila 1 (23), Ku'uleialoha

Ampong 1 (2).

Zama American 4, Seoul American 0

Halftime-Zama 1-0. Goals-Zama,

Mallarie Ashliman 3 (35), Aubrey Ashliman 1 (38).

Kubasaki 0, Faith Academy 0

Halftime-0-0.

Guam High 4, CAJ 1

Halftime-1-1. Goals-Guam High, Me-

gan Speck 3 (13), Kelsey King 1 (1).

Faith Academy 5, CAJ 0

Halftime-Faith 1-0. Goals-Faith, Crysti

Jun 2, Lauren Cleope 1, Elissa Neidling 1,

Grace Fern 1.

Zama American 3, Guam High 0

Halftime-Zama 2-0. Goals-Zama, Mal-

larie Ashliman 2 (37), Rachel Walls 1

(10).

Kubasaki 0, Seoul American 0

Halftime-0-0.

Tuesday's matches

Kubasaki vs. Zama American, 9 a.m.

Guam High vs. Seoul American, 9 a.m.

Seoul American vs. CAJ, 11:30 a.m.

Kubasaki vs. Zama American, 11:30

a.m.

Faith Academy vs. Seoul American, 2 p.m.

CAJ vs. Zama American, 2 p.m.

Guam High vs. Kubasaki, 3:15 p.m.

Pool B

W L T GF GA Pts

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
ASIJ, Japan	2	0	0	8	6	6
Yokota, Japan	1	0	1	1	0	4
Nile C. Kinnick, Japan	0	0	2	0	0	2
Kadena, Okinawa	0	1	1	0	2	1
J.F. Kennedy, Guam	0	2	0	0	7	0

Monday

Nile C. Kinnick 0, Kadena 0

Halftime-0-0.

Yokota 1, John F. Kennedy 0

Halftime-0-0. Goal-Yokota, Emily Ev-

ans 1 (5).

American School in Japan 2, Kadena 0

Halftime-ASIJ 2-0. Goals-ASIJ, Roxanne

Clement 1 (15), Ivey Kim 1 (6).

American School in Japan 6, John F.

Kennedy 0

Halftime-ASIJ 3-0. Goals-ASIJ, Laura



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Courtney Ouellette of Osan, left, and Stephanie Tanner of Edgren battle for the ball during Monday's pool-play match in the Far East Girls Class A tournament. The teams tied 1-1.

Boys Class A

At Soldiers Field, Camp Carroll, Kelly Field, Camp Walker, and Victory Field, Camp Henry, South Korea

Pool-play standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Osan, South Korea	3	0	1	0	0	10
Morrison, Taiwan	3	1	0	0	0	9
Edgren, Japan	2	1	1	0	0	7
Korea International	0	3	0	0	0	1
Global Visions, S. Korea	0	3	1	0	0	1

Monday

Korea International 0, Global Visions 0

Halftime-0-0.

Osan American 2, Morrison Christian 1

Halftime-Osan 1-0. Goals-Osan, Bria

Pressley 1 (23), Jasmine Pressley 1 (14);

MCA, Elaine Knutson 1.

Edgren 2, Korea International 0

Halftime-Edgren 1-0. Goals-Edgren,

Ashley Hawkins 2 (3).

Morrison Christian 2, Global Visions 0

Halftime-MCA 1-0. Goals-MCA, Patri-

cia Harbour 1, Elaine Knutson 1.

Osan American 1, Edgren 1

Halftime-Osan 1-0. Goals-Osan, Jas-

mine Pressley 1 (15); Edgren, Ashley

Hawkins 1 (4).

Korea Kent Foreign 1, Korea International 1

Halftime-KIS 1-0. Goals-KFFS, Hariz

Serkhan 1 (15); Min Lyon 1 (1).

Osan American 4, Edgren 3

Halftime-Osan 3-0. Goals-Osan, Derek

Becker 1 (18), Von Toliver 1 (4); Ozan

Sanderson 1 (3), DeWitt 1 (1); Edgren,

Brandon Massie 3 (21).

E.J. King 1, Korea Kent Foreign 1

Halftime-E.J. King 1-0. Goals-E.J. King,

Ronnie Cardona 1 (11); KKFS, Albert Seo 1.

Osan American 2, Korea International 0

Halftime-Osan 2-0. Goals-Osan, Steph-

anie McDole 1 (9), Angela Frisby 1 (9).

Edgren 2, Global Visions 0

Halftime-0-0. Goals-Edgren, Victoria

Darnell 1, Stephanie Tanner 1.

Pool B

Daegu, South Korea

2 0 1 4 1 7

M.C. Perry, Japan

1 2 0 1 9 3 6

Sacred Heart, Japan

1 1 1 1 2 4

YIS-Seoul

0 3 0 1 9 0

Monday

Nagoya International 2, M. C. Perry 1

Halftime-0-0. Goals-NIS, Sung Kim 1.

M.C. Perry 3, Daegu 2

Halftime-1-1. Goals-Perry, Sean Barker

2 (16), Justin Clement 1 (9); Daegu, Evan

Lotto 2 (6).

YIS-Seoul 3, Nagoya International 0

Halftime-YIS-Seoul 1-0. Goal scorers

not available.

Global Visions 2, Daegu American 1

Halftime-2-0. Goals-GVCS, Jun-

Beong Ko 1, Sung Kim 1; Daegu, Leele

Gill 1 (2).

Tuesday's matches

Nagoya International vs. Daegu Ameri-

can, 8 a.m.

M.C. Perry vs. Global Visions, 9:30 a.m.

Yongsan International-Seoul vs. Daegu American, 11 a.m.

SPORTS



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Magic make Celtics disappear

Orlando wins on the road to oust defending champs

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Dwight Howard remembers the reaction when he first talked about bringing an NBA championship to Orlando.

"Everybody laughed," the Magic center said after helping Orlando beat the defending NBA champion Boston Celtics 101-82 on Sunday night to advance to the Eastern Conference finals.

"I believe we can win a championship. We're not going to stop going after one until we get it. We have the right team. We have the talent. We have the coaches. It's just on us to go out there and play hard. I have a long way to go, but I'm still hungry."

Howard scored 12 points with 16 rebounds and five blocked shots, and Hedo Turkoglu had 25 points with 12 assists for Orlando, which trailed for just 36 seconds after the opening basket and held on to earn the right to play LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers for a spot in the NBA Finals.

Game 1 is Wednesday in Cleveland.

Orlando won the season series 2-1, but the Cavaliers swept both of their playoff series and have been waiting for their next opponent since last Monday.

"Cleveland is playing at a much higher level than anybody else in the playoffs. We're going to have to take it up another notch," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "But that's for us to worry about tomorrow. I am going to enjoy this one until I get on the plane tonight and start watching film."

Ray Allen scored 23 points for Boston, and Paul Pierce had 16 before they were taken out of the game for a courtesy cheer with 2:30 left and the Magic up 99-78. The other member of the new Big Three, Kevin Garnett, awaited them on the bench, where

he watched the whole series in street clothes because of a right knee strain.

Garnett's absence derailed the Celtics' title defense before it started, forcing them to fight through a seven-overtime, seven-game series against Chicago in the first round and leaving them perpetually playing from behind in the second.

"We still felt like this was a team that could have gone to the championship and won it, regardless of the injuries," Pierce said. "It felt like we ran out of gas."

The Magic nearly blew a 28-point lead in Game 1, then did waste a 14-point lead in Game 5 to give the Celtics a 3-2 advantage in the best-of-seven series. Boston, which won its unpreceded 17th NBA title last year, had never lost a series after being ahead 3-2.

But Orlando came back from a 10-point deficit on Thursday night to force Game 7.

And there was no panic on Sunday.

Just a lot of Magic.

"I would like to say we played the game exactly the way we wanted. We actually played it better," Van Gundy said. "When you look at a team that's 32-0 when leading a series 3-2 and then you win by 19 points, that's a big win. I can't say that I've ever had one that I've ever been happier with."

Make that 32-1, as Van Gundy wrote on the visiting locker room white board.

"We learned a lot, coming in here and beating the world champs on their own floor," Howard said. "Everybody was talking about experience. The biggest thing was effort and energy. The team that played the hardest was going to win."

Orlando led by 14 in the second quarter before Boston cut it to 45-42 in the third period. Rajon Rondo's long two-pointer at the buzzer to end the quarter made it a 66-61 game, but Orlando scored the first eight points of the fourth to open a double-digit lead.

NBA PLAYOFFS



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Celtics guard Rajon Rondo sits alone on the bench after Boston lost to the Orlando Magic 101-82 in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series in Boston on Sunday.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Orlando's Dwight Howard goes in for a dunk in front of the Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce during the Magic's 101-82 victory in Game 7 in Boston on Sunday.

Orlando led 81-64 with 8:04 left when Howard picked up his fifth foul and went to the bench. Then Boston cut the deficit to 90-78 on Allen's three-pointer with 4:12 to play. But Turkoglu sank a three-pointer,

Kendrick Perkins was called for a charge and Turkoglu made a fadeaway jumper to extend the lead to 17 points.

Turkoglu was 9-for-12 from the field, and scored 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Nuggets say they expected to face Lakers

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